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'Never been more important to win'

. Back Major, Thatcher tells Tories

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

BARONESS THATCHER threw her backing behind the Prime Minister at his time of greatest need last night, declaring that it had never been more important to return the Conservatives to office and John Major to Downing

She delighted Tories in Bournemouth by putting aside past differences to urge the party to unite and "get cracking" to beat Labour. With the pre-election confer-

ence opening against the back-ground of disputes over Europe and the sleaze controversy. Lady Thatcher's message was just what party managers had been praying for. They carefully staged both her arrival on the conference olatform - where Mr Major kissed his predecessor — and a joint appearance at a reception for London Tories last night.

There, in a wildly-cheered four-minute speech, she said principles, policies, experience and resolve to take Britain into fought more elections than I care to recall. But it has never been more important to see the Conservatives returned to office - and you, John, to Downing Street.

She was responding to the Prime Minister who had hailed her as the architect of e Tory revolution. "When you became Prime Minister in 1979 the country was in a very poor state indeed," he said. "In the II years that followed you changed the direction, nature, prosperity and future of the UK. We have tried in the last



Thatcher: public display of support

five years to carry on that direction, carry on the policies of devolving power down to the individual and the family." Next year's election, like 1979, would be a watershed

because a fifth electoral defeat for Labour would "kill socialism for good in this country". That, he said, was a prize worth uniting for. The public display of har-

mony came after a period of Lady Thatcher had attacked One Nation Tories - among whom Mr Major counts himself -- and given money to the Euro-sceptic European Foundation. But yesterday she told her successor: You and L John, have put our principles. our Conservative principles, into practice year after year. not just when they were popular but when they were unpopular. We did it because we knew they were right."

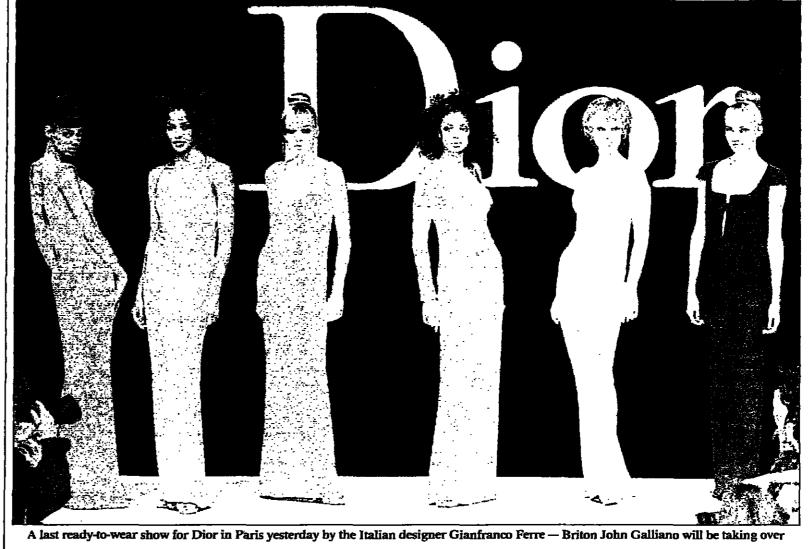
The endorsement was a big boost for Tory strategists who regard Mr Major's "Honest

John image as a key election weapon, and the leadership reciprocated in style with the party chairman Brian Mawhinney saying Tony Blair had no right to be compared to Lady Thatcher. "Mr Blair, you are no Margaret Thatcher," he declared. Dr Mawhinney also lavished praise upon Mr Major, calling him the most nonestman in British politics.

Lady Thatcher later told activists that the nation was in safe hands with Mr Major. Labour were pretending to be Conservatives, but it was only an act, she said. "If you want Conservative policies, the best way of getting them is clear: it is to re-elect a Conservative government. Why settle for second best?" If Labour gained power the country would take a decade to recover. "We know what to expect: socialism, red in tooth and claw. And in that case all the efforts we have made to restore Britain's prosperity and reputation would

be thrown away." The show of unity came as initiatives designed to lift the sights of the party to the election. Michael Howard led the way with a series of populist anti-crime measures including the "naming and shaming" of juvenile delinquents and action against stalkers, child abuse and drug pushers. Stalkers would face up to five years in jail and the courts would be given powers to ban criminals from driving.

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Dior and Givenchy have designs on Britons

FROM GRACE BRADBERRY IN PARIS

JOHN GALLIANO, the son of a South London plumber, is to become head of Christian Dior, France's grandest McQueen, an east London taxi driver's

son, has been offered Givenchy. If McQueen. 27, takes up the offer it would leave two of the biggest French couture houses in the hands of British designers. Galliano, 36, became the first Briton to head a French couture house this century when he took over at Givenchy last year. Until then the last Briton to head a French house was Charles Worth in 1857. British fashion designers are in

demand because of their talent for the spectacular. Fashion, particularly couture, is increasingly seen as a lossleader to boost sales of luxury spinoffs. Dior perfume sales were £704



the fashion house.

As the French have discovered, nobody knows how to shock quite like the British. At McQueen's last show, during London Fashion Week, one

In demand: McQueen, left, wanted by Givenchy, and Galliano

million last year, five times the sales of

model was shackled to a metal frame at the elbows and knees. Another had live moths flying round her head in an

enormous geometric head-dress. Earli-

er this week, McQueen had said: "Couture is beyond beyond. It is where

the dreams of your life in fashion become reality." But yesterday he was answering the telephone at his Hoxton studio in East London with a gruff "no comment". He has until today to make up his mind.

of the four collections he produced for Givenchy with El million to spend on each: and few can believe that McQueen, will not find a way to follow him. He has already made a name for himself as a startling innovator, and the creator of "burnster" trousers, cut revealingly low at the back.

Yesterday, some French women wept as Gianfranco Ferre, the outgoing Dior designer, took his last walk down the catwalk in the Louvre, Paris. For those who watched, it was possible to detect the unmistakeable influence of his successor - John Galliano.

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Familiarity breeds Tory contentment

AS at the Vatican, where ambitious cardinals crowd the corridors around an ailing Pope, so at Bournemouth do crown linger by the bedside of a sick party, mouthing concern for the Premier's political

The most honest bulletin we could issue from Bournemouth yesterday was that the patient's condition was grave. ut stable. Bewildered Tories the geek-quotient increases every year and this is the only party where you see conference-goers attending with their mothers) met mixed signals on their first day.

They were confronted by a science fiction stage set: Eurovision Song Contest meets Star Trek. On to blank.



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CONFERENCE SKETCH

By Matthew Parris

futuristic screens, video projections remind us what the debate is about for Farming we had combine-harvesters. ladybirds, par-baked buns, and a plum.

Platform parties float in space, safe within two lifeboat-like vessels. Between the boats a lonely speaker thrashes about like a swimmer in trouble. Bald heads peer over the boats' sides in concern. We half expect the occupants to start throwing each other overboard, or eating the cab-

in-boy. Into one of these boats the Baroness Thatcher bustled before noon. Her familiar royal blue outfit and little partridge-like steps were reas-suring. We held our breath, and — yes! — she kissed John and Norma Major. And sat next to William Hague, the Welsh Secretary. Could this

be an omen? Mr Hague gave the day's best speech. With conviction and fluency the young prodi-gy tore into devolution plans, Lady Thatcher gazing ador-ingly on. Hague's well-paced Yorkshire grind ("millions of uzz") verges on the robotic and comes oddly from a chap resembling a Cow-&-Gate baby competition winner — Continued on page 2, col 1



1 can't kiss you - I think we're being videoed"

Princess video was a hoax

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stills from the films on Tuesday, admitted that it had been fooled "by cunning fraudsters" in "one of the most elaborate hoaxes of the

Nobel prize for Cambridge man

A Cambridge professor of political economy has won the Nobel prize for his taxation theories. James Mirrlees, 60. helieves that higher tax rates do not diminish people's motivation to work and that Brit-ish middle-income earners could reasonably pay more. He shares the £750,000 prize with William Vickrey, a Canadian economist ... Pages 25. 26

£650,000 schoolboy funded by council By David Charter, education correspondent AN inner London council is

paying £12.500 a week to keep open a boarding school with 38 staff for just one pupil.

Lambeth Council said it was forced to foot the bill, equivalent to £650,000 a year, after a parent whose son has since left the school won a High Court review to keep it open against The 17-year-old pupil comes

from another south London borough. Southwark, which has refused to pay for the boy. He boards at the school while studying at a nearby college. Lambeth inherited Enborne Lodge Special School near Newbury. Berkshire, which caters for up to 40 bright boys with behavioural problems, from the Inner London Educa-

tion Authority when it was disbanded in 1990. Lambeth planned to close it last term as part of a general policy to educate children with special needs in mainstream schools. However, in a judicial review brought by Beverley Nicholson, a parent governor, in the name of her son, Aaron, the High Court ruled that Lambeth had not followed guidelines on consultation in the 1993 Education Act.

Aaron decided to leave but one child insisted on remaining at the 18-acre site this term. Lambeth must continue to pay for the head, eight teachers, six care staff and 23 other employees, at a cost per week equivalent to the £12,000 annual fees for keeping a pupil at

Eton, while it runs another three-month consultation on

closure. The council spends an average of £3,000 a year per pupil

educating other children in the borough Lambeth, which has no overall political control, said it had suffered a breakdown in communications with the school this term. Shelagh Webb, Lambeth's

Labour spokeswoman on edu-cation, said: "I know this sounds horrendous but we are trying to come to rational agreements with the teaching staff and unions which will allow us to have the school closed. We cannot simply close the school because we would end up with another court

She added: "Our education department has done every thing it can to contact the school because it is very concerned about this. But it has been impossible to get in contact because the school does not respond."

However Tony Freke, the chairman of governors, denied the school was avoiding contact with Lambeth. There was only one pupil left because it had found places for

Lambeth is also in dispute with Southwark over the cost of the last pupil's education. A had told the child in 1994 that it was ending funding for his place, but he

Ulster on brink of the abyss

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

NORTHERN Ireland was on the brink of a return to all-out terrorist violence last night. Loyalist paramilitaries held emergency talks about whether to resume their campaign of violence after the IRA admitted responsibility last night for Monday's double bomb attack on the army headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim. Govern-ment ministers pleaded with

The IRA claim, made in a telephone message to the Dub-lin newsroom of RTE, the Irish broadcasting network. by a caller using a recognised codeword, will put pressure on the loyalists to return to

the loyalists to maintain their

David Irvine, main spokesman of the Progressive Unionist Party, the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force, also pleaded with the paramil-

itaries not to resume their campaign. David Adams, of the loyalist Ulster Democratic Party, which speaks for the UDA and UFF, said, however, that the bombing was the most deliberate act yet by republicans to provoke loyalists. These people are putting us in an impossible position," he said. They are trying to draw us into conflict.

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TONY BLAIR and Paddy Ashdown joined forces last night in urging the Prime Minister to set up a judicial inquiry into the cash-for-questions affair.

The Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders insisted that they had no confidence in Sir Gordon Downey's inquiry because he lacked any formal powers to summon wimesses or call for papers. They called for a fresh body to be set up under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921. a mechanism which they said had been traditionally used when there were serious allegations of corruption or misconduct in public life.

Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown made clear that they had every confidence in Sir Gordon's integrity and competence, but that public confidence would not be restored unless a senior judge was appointed to head a formal public inquiry. The pact between the two leaders is unusual: Labour and the Liberal Democrats combined forces over the Scott inquiry but Mr Blair and Mr

Ashdown were not involved. A letter sent to John Major yesterday said that an alleged memo from David Willetts, now the Paymaster-General but then a Government Whip, suggested that an attempt was made in 1994 to undermine the investigation by MPs into allegations against Neil Hamilton. They claim that it would now be wrong for Sir Gordon to investigate a complaint of political interference. "If such interference did take place, it is not narrowly a matter of members' interests, or the financial propriety of an individual MPs conduct. It is a constitutional question outside

Sir Gordon's remit."

Downing Street sources said that Mr Major had made his views clear about the Hamilton affair and he believed that a formal tribunal would take too long. Mr Willetts said yesterday that "every single piece of paper relevant to the inquiry" would be put before Sir Gordon. He said that Mr Major had promised complete co-operation.

Army seeks answers to security breach as soldier lies gravely ill

Investigators study videos to identify Lisburn bomb vehicles

By Michael Evans and Audrey Magee

ARMY investigators examining the grave breach of security at Thiepval barracks in Lisburn are hopeful that hours of video film will establish which vehicles were used in the terrorist bomb attack on Monday. The two vehicles involved in the attack were destroyed and so far the police have been unable to identify their make or the registration numbers.

Lieutenant-General Sir Rupert Smith, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) Northern Ireland, has taken personal charge of the army inquiry into the security breach, while the police carry out the criminal investigation into the terrorist attack.

One of the theories being examined yesterday was that the terrorists may have used security passes belonging to one of the building firms which are currently employed on the 600-acre site. Another scenario was that the terrorists acquired passes belonging to legitimate visitors to the barracks.

The possibility remains that the armed guards had simply failed to enforce the proper security procedures and had waved the terrorists through without checking their passes. If this proves to have been the case, it seems likely that the vehicles must have been familiar to those manning the barriers, indicating that they may have been driven to the barracks on previous occasions.

One element that is clear is that the soldiers on guard duty had not been aware of anything suspicious, otherwise the Army's ultimate security measure at the entrance to the barracks would have been brought into play. At the push of a button crash-proof electronic gates can be slid across the road at each of the two security barriers.

Security was stepped up across the province and Irish troops were back in force on the border in a bid to protect the Republic against possible Loyalist retaliation for the Lisburn attack. Police in flak-jackets returned to Belfast city centre to man entry points long ago abandoned.

A soldier in his 30s or 40s.

the most seriously injured of

the blast victims and the last to be identified, was in a critical condition in Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital last night. With more than 50 per cent burns, he also has head injuries and wounds to his left arm, which may have to be amputated. Three other people, two men and a woman, 30, are being treated in the hospital. They are all described as being in a serious but stable condition with shrapnel wounds. The woman, an army employee in her 30s, also has head injuries and burns and one of the men has a broken thigh. Twelve injured soldiers were also still

Park Hospital, Belfast.
Consultant surgeon Mr
Laurence Rocke said their
injuries suggested they were
all within 10-20 metres of the
explosions.

being treated in Musgrave

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Aftermath: firemen among devastation inside Thiepval barracks yesterday

NEWS NERE

One third of children aged 16 are on drugs

A third of 15 and 16-year-olds in Britain are using drugs, according to the first continent-wide survey by the European Union on abuse by schoolchildren.

In Spain the figure is 20 per cent, 15.3 per cent in France and 5.8 per cent in Sweden. Drug problems among teenagers are rising in Britain, Ireland, Holland, Finland and Greece, the survey says. The most popular drug by far is cannabis, with 30 per cent of British mid-teenagers saying they use it. LSD was used by 12 per cent. Only a tiny fraction have experienced the hardest drugs. Less than 1 per cent in Britain have used heroin.

Princess Royal visits Sarajevo

The Princess Royal flew to Sarajevo yesterday to visit British peacekeeping troops and to pay a courtesy call to the new Bosnian presidency. She was expected to meet the Croat and Muslim members of the three-man presidency, but not the Serb representative. She was due to go to Banja Larka, where the bulk of the British force is based.

Judgment reserved in 'blight' case

The High Court has reserved judgment on the case brought by a couple whose £450,000 home was allegedly blighted by a bypass scheme. Maurice and Audrey Balchin built Swans Harbour, Wroxham, Norfolk, in 1984. But estate agents deemed it "worthless" after the council said the new road would run through the garden of the house next door,

Driver apologises to swimmer

Alfred Trevett, 65, who caused a crash that prevented the swimmer Alexandra Bennett from attending the Olympies, was fined £500. Miss Bennet. 18, broke both legs and ankles in the head-on collision on February 5. Trevett, from Bleasby, Nottinghamshire, who admitted careless driving, said: "All I know is that I'm a very sorry."

£150,000 for 4d stamps

The only known example of the world's first three adhesive stamps on one envelope was sold for £150,000 at Christie's yesterday to an anonymous buyer. The Penny Black, Two-pence Blue and Penny Red are on an envelope posted to the Earl of Lauderdale in 1841. The letter was posted with the 2d stamp; the others were added when it was redirected.

Brothers found hanging in park

Two middle-aged men, believed to be brothers, have been found hanging from a tree in an apparent suicide par. Their bodies were discovered early yesterday by a workman on a secluded towpath beside the River Onse near Clifton. York. Police think they might have come from Leeds and are not treating the deaths as suspicious.

Model seeks damages over rape

A model who was raped by Owen Oyston when she was I6 has begun a civil action for damages against the entrepreneur in the High Court. Oyston was jailed for six years in May for the rape and indecent assault of the teenage model known only as Miss B. The victim, 20, is claiming for personal injury and losses arising from her ordeal.

Basement fire silences Radio 5

Radio 5 Live, the BBC's 24-hour news and sport station, went off the air for two minutes yesterday after fire broke out in the basement of Broadcasting House. About 400 staff were evacuated but no one was hurt. The blaze was caused by an electrical fault and was brought under control by internal fire and security staff.

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Familiarity breeds contentment at Tory conference

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like one of those horror movies where the voice of an alien body-invader emerges from an abducted toddler but the conference loved him.

They loved Michael Forsyth (the Scottish Secretary) too. Forsyth has a hunched, jagged delivery, faintly demonic, and played shamelessly to the gallery by waving altered images of the Union Flag. Finally he and Hague held a huge, real Union Flag between them: grinning poison-dwarf and alien body-

invader, our poor flag stretched between. The repellent spectacle was cheered wildly.

But then no conference speech succeeds, these days, without the gimerack. Videos, posteards from old ladies in Liverpool, near-sobbing references to deaths in the family or among friends, politicians piggy-backing on to the emotional aftermath of national tragedy... It is not enough to inform: we must be whammied.

Stephen Dorreil's whammy was to

replace his speech with a marathon question and answer session. People could ask anything they liked. The ostentatiously competent Health Secretary coped well, so the session was without interest. Nobody asked the real questions: "Why don't you get a sun tan, you whey faced bap?" "Why do you scowl like a ghoul and shout all the time?" and "Reincarmated, which

Still, Dorrell's gimmick succeeded, like Forsyth's flag. Soon will come the

animal would you choose?"

ultimate conference speech. A host of hologram angels flock from the ceiling, dry-ice puffs from the platform, lasers scissor, video-images dance around the walls and, to deafening disco music, politicians rollerskate around the conference floor, miming to quadrophonic repeats of a killer-sound bite.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, did none of these. Instead he just explained doggedly how difficult it all was. Thus, Hogg missed the point. Some of us love him the better for it.





Editor apologises to readers after falling for elaborate deception

Sun says video of romping Princess was cunning hoax

BY EMMA WILKINS AND MICHAEL EVANS

VIDEO pictures apparently showing Diana, Princess of Wales cavorting with James Hewitt were revealed as a

hoax last night.
The Sun, which published stills from the film on Tuesday, admitted it had been fooled. It was "one of the most elaborate houses of the decade," the paper said.

It added it had been "conned by cunning fraudsters" and apologised profusely to the Princess and Hewitt for any hurt or offence caused.

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The grainy, black and white pictures were run across five pages. They purported to show the Princess stripping down to sports bra and shorts before passionately embracing a man claimed to be the former cavalry officer.

The Princess admitted in her Panorama interview last November that she had "adored" the former cavalry

At 8pm last night The Sun admitted it had been conned and its main tabloid rival, the Daily Mirror, said it had spoken to the two Diana lookalikes used in the video. Both had believed that when it was shot earlier this year it was to be used in some television satirical

programme. The video, they revealed, was shot at two different locations. One insider said: "It was nothing more than an stelaborate hoax and The Sun has been made to look rather ridiculous. Normal journalis-tic checking would have confirmed that it was not

The Sun said: The 80second film was offered to the editor of The Sun last week during a clandestine meeting with two men who acted as intermediaries.

"We made our best endeavours to corroborate the contents of the film with independent witnesses confirming the apparent identity of the princess and Mr Hewitt. We also hired the services of



James Hewitt at home in Devon yesterday

and give their verdicts on the original source of the film."

Editor Stuart Higgins said: "I take full responsibility for this mistake and will apologise in writing to both the princess and Mr Hewitt for any offence caused. I believe The Sun and myself were the victims of a sophisticated hoax deliberately aimed at embarrassing myself and The Sun newspaper, which prides itself on getting things right and has established a reputation for doing so. I would also like to apologise to our 11 million loyal readers who look to The Sun as their ally on all fronts and should not have been subjected to publication of this

The revelation that The Sun had been hoaxed came yesterday after the Princess's office dismissed the pictures and the alleged story around them as trivial and unworthy of

A spokeswoman for the Princess said: The Princess feels that there are far more important things going on in the world today, such as the

than the trivia which is in The

A spokesperson for Kensington Palace confirmed last night: The Princess has authorised me to tell you that she does not recognise either herself or Major James Hewitt

in these photographs."

Senior royal sources had spent the day questioning the provenance of the video and emphasising that there was no evidence that the footage showed the Princess or Captain Hewitt. "There is doubt about the authenticity of these pictures. Whoever it is in them, it's a pretty prurient and outrageous invasion of someone's privacy," one royal aide

The news the video was a fraud came after the Princess. wearing a vibrant scarlet suit, visited an Aids care centre in London and was greeted with cheers and tears of emotional support from a crowd of more than 200.

For the Princess it was business as usual as she joined staff and patients to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the London Lighthouse, Europe's largest residential centre for people affected with HIV and

Christopher Spence, the founding Director, said the Princess had referred to The Sun but refused to recount her exact remark, "She was on very good form indeed. Very buoyant and pleased to see us all here. She did make a reference to The Sun but it was just in passing."

As she left the Princess stopped to talk to Maureen Wilding, 46, from Montana who is blind and suffers from cerebral palsy. Mrs Wilding asked for a hug and the Princess obliged - causing Mrs Wilding to burst into

James Hewitt posed for photographers outside his home in Bratton Clovelly. Devon but refused to comment. "Leave me alone with my privacy. I have got nothing



The Princess arriving at the London Lighthouse centre for Aids sufferers. Her office

Man 'would pass muster' as WPC after sex-change

force on the grounds that she was a man who had recently undergone a sex-change oper-ation would certainly pass muster as a WPC, the chairman of a industrial tribunal said yesterday.

The transsexual, whose identity cannot be revealed. passed an initial test to join West Midlands Police. But she got no further after she dis-closed she had had sex-change

On her application form the 29-year-old described herself as a single white female. She wrote: "I am single and cannot have children, so I would be able to give the career my

Giving evidence at the tribunal in a black trouser suit. purple blouse and high-heeled shoes, she said that before applying in August 1995 she had consulted the force's medical officer about the necessity of disclosing her medical history. She had undergone sexchange surgery in 1994 after living as a woman for two years, and had changed her driving licence, passport and National Insurance card to her female identity.

"She |the medical officer] advised me not to put my condition on the application form as it was not reviewed by medical officers but by ordinary police officers who were more likely to reject it. I attended the initial assessment, was successful and at the next stage was requested to provide copies of my school certificate. I had not altered these to reflect my true gender.
"This caused difficulties. Ul-

timately I had to explain that I had gender reassignment surgery. I received a letter from a superintendent which stated that due to your gender reassignment you would be precluded by law from undertaking certain routine duties'." Roger Wardle, assistant chief constable of West Midlands Police, said the transsexual had been turned down because she was legally a man

and would have been unable

A 6ft blond rejected by a police the victims of indecent assault and rape. The force operated an equal opportunities policy. but he said the applicant was still legally male according to the birth certificate.

"I think I was right to come to the conclusion that it would be wrong to allow this person to carry out searches on females because legally she is a male," Mr Wardle said. But Christopher Tickle, the tribunal chairman, said: "In these circumstances the law is clearly an ass. There's no reason why she couldn't search male suspects under this reasoning. But she doesn't want to search men because she regards herself as a woman and wants to be a female police officer. This person is male by gender but

female by appearance." Mr Tickle said no one would have guessed that she had been born a male. "The chance of a woman complaining about being searched by the applicant is nil. The applicant would certainly pass muster with no problem at all."

Mr Wardle admitted that homosexual and lesbian officers in West Midlands Police were allowed to search members of their own sex. But he said that having a transsexual searching women could leave the force open to civil action; The ability of a police officer to carry out searches in line with the police and criminal evidence act is one of the core tasks expected of an officer We cannot have officers on the force who cannot carry out certain tasks."

Mr Tickle said: "I would agree with that if you were dealing with hundreds of people in a similar situation to the applicant. But you have had only one transsexual apply to the force. There is no question of any floodgates being opened."

The transsexual said she had applied to be a WPC because there was no chance of promotion in her previous office job. where she had been accepted as woman after her surgery. The tribunal contin-

Expelled boy asks | US police quiz court for reprieve

By BILL FROST

A PUPIL expelled for allegedly letting down his teacher's car tyres as an April Fool's Day prank yesterday launched a High Court effort to get back to school.

Martyn Ashworth, 15, who now has home tuition, is arguing that exclusion from Birches Head High in Stoke-on-Trent was too high a price to pay. His family are fighting the case on legal aid.

lan Wise, representing the boy, who was not in court, told Mr Justice Turner that Martyn was one of four pupils involved in the incident. However, it was now accepted by the school that he did not let the tyres down but was present when the incident occurred. The other boys received temporary exclusions.

Staffordshire County Council's Education Appeals Com-mittee erred in finding the offence was sufficiently seri-gus to justify expulsion, Mr Wise said. The Secretary of State for Education had issued circulars to schools advising that children should remain at a school unless their presence

was "seriously detrimental" to the education and welfare of others, he added.

The circular also warned that "using one pupil as a scapegoat should always be avoided". The main reason for exclusion should be "serious michehaviour"

Mr Wise added: "Permanent exclusion should only be imposed as a last resort and is a matter of common sense recognised by the Secretary of State in a circular. All resonable alternatives should be attempted beforehand."

In a letter, the boy's solicitor told the local education authority: "As advised, Martyn was not a member of the group who deflated the teacher's tyres. He was present at the incident simply as a result of the fact he was walking with the group in question from a football match. "Furthermore, we under-

Martyn ever admitted to being the student responsible for the incident."

The hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

abducted girl

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A FOUR-year-old Belfast girl who went missing for 20 hours in Florida at the end of a family holiday was yesterday questioned by female officers from the sex crimes division of Orlando Police Department.

Cadimha McEvoy, who was with her parents at a local hotel, was said to bear no obvious signs of abuse after she was apparently abducted for a night. Officers and social workers trained in dealing with rape victims were involved in the delicate process

of debriefing.

Dozens of men in the Orlando area with sex offence records have been interviewed by police. One man was freed from custody after providing a satisfactory alibi.

Cadimha, shoeless and dressed in a blue polka dot dress, vanished from the Quality Inn motel on Sunday evening while her parents were packing for their flight home on Monday. A police spokesman said: "We are following several leads. There is no doubt she was abducted and we are trying to piece

together the details of what

Cadimha was found by a motorist on Monday afternoon standing, confused, by a main road some 20 miles from the Quality Inn. Her father, Gerard, 38, expressed thanks to the many wellwishers who had tried to make contact. He also thanked local law enforcement officials. "We were having a fantastic time until this happened," he said. "The authorities here have been

At the time of Cadimha's disappearance, Mr McEvoy thought that she was with her assumed that she was with her father. Help was summoned and a police search began

within 90 minutes. She was said to have had a good night's sleep on Monday and appeared to be in good health. Deputy Michael Pagan of the Orange County sheriff's department said: "Kids tend to block out a lot of these traumatic events so it is crucial to get the right people

Taxi driver dared to win bride with fake role as SAS officer fleeing IRA

FOR five years a taxi driver deceived his girlfriend into believing that he was an SAS officer. He claimed his life was under threat from terrorists and paid friends in fake uniforms and carrying air rifles to patrol the hills around the

couple's home.

Anthony Jones. 36, said he was a lieutenant-colonel, persuaded a friend to don army gear to pose as his commanding officer, and arranged a military-style wedding. Yesterday he was jailed for 18 months for a series of frauds to pay for his "SAS" lifestyle.

Cardiff Crown Court was told that for his wedding to Diane, 35, Jones hired a spiform with a ceremonial sword and saked cap. He obtained six more bearing the SAS emblem for his friends but they refused to take part. Jones told his bride: "They've been called overseas

He ran up a £1,400 bill at the reception

for 40 guests, claiming it would be paid by the Ministry of Defence, and told the vicar, the Rev Colin Richards, that a security cordon had been thrown around Trinity Church, Porthcawl, for the service last October.

Jones's only military experience was three months in the Territorial Army. from which he was discharged for impersonating a major. He met his future wife, a mother of two, when she was a passenger in his taxi. He told her: "I'm not a taxi driver really, I'm working

undercover for the SAS."
Peter Jacobs, for the prosecution, said: "Jones changed his name twice by deed poll. claiming the IRA were onto him. Unfortunately Mrs Jones was taken in by

"He came home after one of his fake manoeuvres and told Diane he was required to do a charity walk as part of an army punishment. He chose a charity called the British Institute for Brain Injured Children and also offered to

primary school where Diane's children attended. He carried out the walk from Porthcawl to Edinburgh in April 1995 and free accommodation was laid on along the route.

"After the walk he said he would forward the money to the charity but it was not forthcoming. He in fact put the estimated £6,000 into his account and it was swallowed up by his overdraft." Jones, of Porthcawl, admitted 23

charges including stealing the £6,000, obtaining a bank overdraft and credit while an undischarged bankrupt, obtaining services by deception and perverting the course of justice.

After the case Mrs Jones, a welfare officer, said: "I was shocked to find out what had been going on and in some ways I can't believe it. I still think that basically he is a good man. All he was trying to do was impress me." She said that she was considering her future with

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Housekeeper stole from lord when he married new lady

A HOUSEKEEPER stole cherished possessions from her aristocratic employer after he brought home a new wife. Carole Parker, 44, took wartime medals and other items worth thousands of pounds from the Gloucestershire home of Lord Apsley, heir to the 14,000-acre Cirencester Park estate.

Magistrates in Cirencester were told that Parker went off the rails after Lord Apsley, whose father, Earl Bathurst, is a polo-playing friend of the Prince of Wales, married his second wife. Jenny Jonckheer, for the prosecution, said: "She told police she felt her job as housekeeper had been reduced in importance, together with her own worth."

Brian Head, for the defence. told the court that Parker regarded her job as a comedown and was already depressed when the new Lady Apsley arrived. Within a short space of time it was becoming difficult," he said. "It was largely because of the attitude and approach towards her of the new partner of Lord Apsley. She was displaying a very difficult and

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Carole Parker: stole medals and mementoes

overbearing attitude to my client and her daughter. The emotional straw, which in this case was Lady Apsley, broke the camel's back and she began to steal."

The thefts included medals and mementoes presented to the Bathurst family for its services to the nation during the First World War, which included the creation by Lady Bathurst of the Primrose Charity. Mrs Jonckheer said: "The items were of considerable value, running into thou-

collected over many generations and were of great sentimental value to the Bathurst family. Lady Apsley later expressed her concern that this lady, who was a trusted employee of the family, felt obliged to do what she did. She said, 'We feel greatly betrayed.

Other items included a stamp album and a Hornby toy train. Parker sold them during a total of three visits to an antiques dealer in Cirencester.

When he had them valued

after the first visit he realised they were, in fact, worth a great deal more than he thought," Mrs Jonckheer said. "It aroused his suspicions but she had told him they were items from her family and he had no reason to think that was not the truth." On Parker's second visit the dealer was more suspicious and informed police. "She returned a third time but, in the meanwhile, police had been contacted and were waiting for her to make an approach," Mrs Jonckheer said.

Police later searched her flat in converted stables on the



Lord and Lady Apsley: the defence claimed that Lady Apsley displayed "a very difficult and overbearing attitude" towards her housekeeper

the boot of her car containing more items, including a Hornby train carriage. Although all the items were returned, some of them, including an 1886 stamp album from which stamnps had been were spoilt and

had never been in trouble before and that the theft was totally out of character. Her mother's death 13 years ago

caused her to become so depressed that her marriage had broken up and she lost her professional job. She took the housekeeping post, which included accommodation for

her and her daughter, as a last

"She saw herself as a failure - a bit like a doctor reduced to a dustman," Mr Head said. The housekeeper's job was the end of the road."

It was the arrival of the second Lady Apsley which finally tipped her over the edge, he said. "She was depressed, emotionally under strain and behaved in an uncharacteristic, irrational and unacceptable way. She bitterly regrets it and wishes

she could turn back the clock." Parker, from Welshpool. Powys admitted a single count of the theft of 16 items between January 1 and July 6 this year. She was ordered to carry out 120 hours' community service work and to pay £170 compensation to the antiques dealer. She was also ordered to pay £40 costs.

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She was too upset to comment as she left court with



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Inmates to run wing of prison

By STEWART TENDLER

PRISONERS are to run their own prison wing under a scheme, backed by the Home Office, to rehabilitate criminals. The Verne prison in Portland, Dorset, is to be the British testbed for a system used in the United States and Brazīl.

The scheme, run by the Association for the Protection and Assistance of the Convicted (Apac), will allow prisoners to manage a wing and suggest ways of improv-ing conditions and morale. Prisoners will police the wing under a senior prison officer and an ex-offender could be

appointed director. Organisers are looking for scheme and to pay the salaries of the director and deputy so that the scheme will not depend on Home Office money. If they can raise the funds the scheme could start next spring.

Tim Turner, governor of the prison, said: "This is an exciting project which has never been tried in this country although it has been successful elsewhere. We are not undertaking this project lightly and the group will run within the overall rules of the prison with staff maintaining overall control. If the system works then any sign of abuse of power among prisoners will be stopped by peer

The idea first emerged in an overcrowded and hostile prison in Brazil. After a series of riots the authorities banded over half of the jail to Christian volunteers. Conditions and behaviour improved dramatically. leading to the complex being handed over to Apac with a former prisoner being made governor. A spokeswoman for the Prison Service said the scheme had the support of the service.

Mad cow disease was 'act of God'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

MAD cow disease was "an act of God" and should not be blamed on the British Government, a senior official in the Ministry of Agriculture said

While the Government might have responded differently to the disease with hindsight, the overreaction of some European Union countries had made the crisis worse, Richard Packer, the ministry's permanent secretary, told Euro MPs in Brussels.

Speaking at a European Parliament committee of inquiry into BSE, bovine spongiform encephalopathy. Mr Packer said: "Was the UK the whole disastrous mess? N it wasn't.

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"In the main it was an act of God, if you like. Some of the things we have done we might with the benefit of hindsight have done differently. To that extent the UK Government accepts responsibility - but that is not very much of the responsibility.

Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, had been asked to address the inquiry personally but he refused on the grounds that he was attending the Tory party conference in Bournemouth.

To Jose Happart, a Belgian Socialist Euro MP, who wanted to know who was to blame for the BSE crisis if it was not the British Government, Mr Packer replied: "I do not accept that when something goes wrong it is necessarily somebody's fault.

"It is true in the case of BSE that not all our controls were 100 per cent effective and to that extent we have a share of the responsibility. But that is small share. It is not the fault of the scientists. It is our fault." he said.

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THE GREAT WEEKEND READ FOR 50p Descendant of man who sold out to mine company spent 26 years repaying 'debt to nature'

Now green is the valley my ancestors ruined

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

A FAM(LY has spent 26 years restoring a ravaged Cumbrian valley, more than two centuries after their ancestors sold it to a lead mining

When Ian Johnston inherited Thortergill Gorge, an eight-acre site on Alston Moor high up in the North Pennines in 1971, he also inherited "a debt to Nature" which he determined to repay.

In the 1780s his ancestors sold the land to be mined because it was too steep for farming. When the mine closed in the early 1920s, the valley, with its streams and waterfalls, had been buried under thousands of tons of rock and social

rock and spoil.

Aided by his sons David and Andrew and his wife Jennifer and using for the most part only picks, shovels and wheelbarrows, Mr Johnston has returned the valley as near as possible to its original state. The streams and waterfalls flow again, thousands of trees grow on the hillsides.



flowers carpet the ground and wildlife, including a rare English colony of red squirrels, is

Last month the family travelled to London to receive a pewter plate from Country Life commemorating the magazine's choice of Mr Johnston as its Countryman of the Year. "It was a wonderful occasion," he said yesterday. "I had not been to London for 35 years. Indeed, we had not taken a holiday of any kind for 25 years because we were so busy."

Johnstons had lived in the

area for centuries. "We were border reivers [brigands] and spent a lot of our time pillaging and marauding, I am afraid," Mr Johnston said. His uncle bought Thortergill Gorge in 1938 and began clearing it up. "He was able to do little more than touch the surface. When I took it over, all the old mine shafts, or drifts, railway culverts and workings were still there.

"We brought in excavating machinery but in the upper reaches, where the ravine was narrowest, we had to do everything by hand."

Twelve years ago, Mr Johnston sold his business distributing industrial supplies and used the proceeds on his scheme. He estimates the local authority would have spent more than El million to achieve the same.

The family converted the mine workshop into their home. Mr Johnston's sons, who are trained blacksmiths, built a forge where they make garden furniture.



Eden restored: Ian Johnston and his family recreated waterfalls and streams and reintroduced trees and wildlif

School shotgun boy sentenced to four years

By Shirley English

A BOY aged 12 who went to school armed with a stolen with-off shorgun and carridges inscribed with pupils names was sentenced to four years' detention at Edinburgh High Court yesterday.

The judgment was made on the eve of the memorial service being held at Dunblane Cathedral in memory of the lopupils and a teacher murdered by Thomas Hamilton on March 13. Prince Charles is expected to attend.

The court was told yesterday that the boy informed friends he had drawn up a hitlist and planned to shoot pupils at his secondary school who had "grassed" on him two days earlier, when he had been caught stealing a computer mouse from a classroom. He also bragged that he would shoot himself.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, stole the double-barrelled shotgun from his father's gun cabinet and shortened the barrels with a hacksaw.

He set off for school on May

— two and a half months

after the Dunblane massacre

— carrying the gun, 15 car
tridges, an air pistol and two
knives in his bag. Three of the
cartridges had the names of
pupils written on them and

one bore his own nickname.
On the bus he told friends:
"It's today." At one point he took the gun out of his school bag and put it under his chin.

bag and put it under his chin.
The headmaster learnt of the plans when news that the boy had a gun spread through the school "like wildfire", the court was told. He took charge of the boy's bag and called the police. At no time had the boy

actually threatened anyone with the weapon.

Sentencing the boy to four years' detention, temporary judge Robin McEwan, QC, said it was "almost inexplicable" why this had happened. He said the sentence in a secure school would cover the boy's period in education.

"At the present time any offence involving the use of guns requires to be taken very seriously. However I cannot overlook the fact that you are a child and I have taken account of that," he said. "You have some very concerned and taring people looking after you and I am confident they will keep you away from further offending."

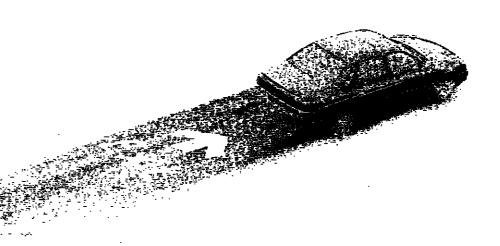
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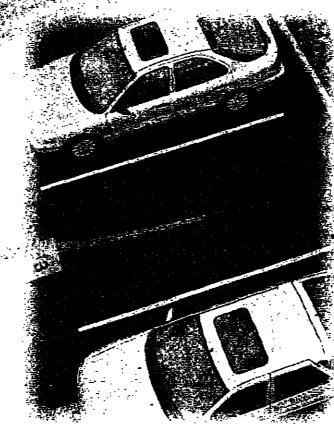
The boy admitted possessing the gun on a bus and at the school and possessing an air pistol and two knives. He also admitted possessing the firearm with intent to cause others to believe that unlawful violence would be used against schoolchildren. He also admitted stealing the shotgun and shortening it.

The boy's defence counsel, Ruth Anderson, said the youngster came from "a caring, supportive and loving" family. He had shown signs of behaviour problems and he was inclined to be a show-off, she said.

Pearston. organiser of Dunblane's anti-gun Snow-drop Petition, said the fact the boy was able to take a gun from his father's gun cabinet raised serious questions: "I would like to know whether any action is being taken against the boy's father."

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Thumbs-up, then bomb exploded

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN OFFICER of the Diplomatic Protection Group said yesterday that he gave the thumbs-up sign to a security guard after checking a car near the Israeli Embassy mo-

ments before it exploded.

PC Ian Duncan, who was knocked over by the blast, told the Old Bailey that the car had been parked by a woman he had first seen speaking into an intercom of a neighbouring building. She said that she was visiting friend. When told to move her car, she asked for an extra five minutes to get cigarettes from a shop near by.

PC Duncan said: "She offered me the keys. I declined the offer and told her so long as she was only five minutes, or as quick as she could. I would allow her to leave the vehicle there. I allowed five minutes to pass then I did a vehicle check on my personal

The officer saw a security guard from the embassy taking a closer look at the car. He glanced at me and I gave his the thumbs up that I had chicked the vehicle and nothing untoward had come back. The embassy man made his way to me and appeared to be about to start a conversation when the vehicle blew up."

The car bomb caused at least 65 million damage to buildings in the area. The officer suffered shock but was not injured.

He picked out Nadia Zekra.

He picked out Nadia Zekra, 48, at an identity parade in January the following year. He had "absolutely no doubt" that she was the woman he had seen at the embassy.

The prosecution alleges that Mrs Zekra, a mother of two, planted the car bomb as part of a Palestinian terror group's campaign to sabotage an Israeli-Arab peace initiative in July 1994. Mrs Zekra, of West Kensington, has denied causing an explosion.

Earlier the court was told that fingerprint evidence linked three other alleged members of the terror group to a cache of arms and bomb ingredients found in a safe deposit in Acton, west London, nearly a year after the embassy bomb and a second explo-

sion outside a Jewish charity.
Samar Alami, 30, of South
Kensington: Jawad Botmeh.
28. of Bloomsbury: and
Mahmoud Abu-Wardeh, 25,
of Putney, deny conspiring to
cause explosions and possessing an explosive substance

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The trial continues.

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By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Government suffered another defeat at the hands of the judiciary yesterday when a High Court judge ruled that asylum seekers may claim benefit under the National Assistance Act 1948.

Mr Justice Collins said that local councils must provide asylum seekers at risk of destitution "with the basics for survival" while their claims for refugee status are being considered.

In cases brought by four asylum seekers, which could affect more than 30,000 people, Mr Justice Collins ruled that local authorities had a duty to grant emergency aid to immigrants who had been denied it because they failed to claim asylum on

He was careful to say that he did not consider that his ruting frustrated recent government legislation to curb bogus asylum seekers, introduced to undercut the effects of

a court ruling in June. He said: "I find it impossible to believe that Parliament intended that an asylum seeker, who was lawfully here and who could not be lawfully removed from the country. should be left destitute, starving and at risk of grave illness and even death because he

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could find no one to provide him with the bare necessities

But pressure groups and charities working with asylum seekers viewed the case as a highly successful attempt to establish basic legal rights for an estimated 8,000 asylum seekers denied emergency funding under the Asylum

and Immigration Act 1996. Gerry Clore, solicitor for the asylum seekers, said many genuine asylum seekers faced the prospect of starving to death on the streets of British cities: "One of the four bringing this case arrived at our office having not eaten for three days and sleeping rough in Hyde Park. He would have become ili very quickly had we not intervened."

He said the applicants would be provided with basic assistance and money for board and essentials.

The Asylum and Immigration Act, which received Royal Assent in July, was criticised as "the most draconian piece of legislation this century". It was rushed through after a Court of Appeal ruling in Jule which reinstated benefits. including housing benefit and income support, to asylum seekers. The court said Peter Lilley, the Social Security Sec-

West Coast line bidders to bring

in high-speed tilting trains

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

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worst punctuality record on the InterCity network, with

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was tarnished in Britain by

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retary, had exceeded his powers when he introduced changes meant to save £200 million a year.

Councils greeted the latest ruling with alarm. Alex Segal, chairman of Westminster City Council's social services committee, said if his council was obliged to provide board and lodging for asylum seekers at a cost of £300 a week, the yearly bill would run to

thousands.

David Pannick, QC, appearing for the four asylum seekers - from Iraq, Romania, Algeria and China - had argued that local councils were under a legal duty to provide shelter and the necessities for survival.

He argued that three

London authorities - Westminster, Lambeth and Hammersmith and Fulham - were in breach of their obligations under the National Assistance Act in refusing to provide housing for destitute appli-cants who were desperate and could not look after themselves. Mr Justice Collins agreed. He said the authorities had adopted "too narrow a construction" of the law. Quashing their decisions to deny the asylum seekers help, he ordered them to reconsider

vanced Passenger Trains because they made passengers feel sick. Other European

engineers have mastered the

problem and the popularity of

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Narrowed horizon: the outlook from the sitting-room of the Laws's cottage before and after the trees were grown

Retired couple claim squire cast shadow over room with a view

By Russell Jenkins

A COUPLE are taking on a wealthy country squire in a legal battle to reclaim the view over the Welsh mountains from the sitting room window of their retirement

John Laws, 61, a former history teacher, and his wife Brenda, 61. were drawn to Bay Tree Cottage in the village of Stoke Edith, Hereford and Worcester, because of its setting on the edge of the 7,500 acre estate owned by Andrew Foley. Sunlight streamed through the rooms and in the evening they were able to watch the sun go down across 30 miles of unspoilt countryside.

Then, five years ago, Mr Foley, 58. planted fast-growing Cupressocyparis leylandii eight feet from the Cupressocyparis north and west walls, shroud-

ing the house in darkness. The Laws say they cannot understand why Mr Foley has ignored pleas to cut back the growth, which imprisons the house inside a 15ft-high conifer hedge. When Mr



Hedged in: Brenda and John Laws at Bay Tree Cottage

Laws lost his job as a community care project worker two years ago, the couple put house on the market. They have been told by estate agents that the Leylandii render unsaleable the former estate gardener's cottage they bought for £42,000 in 1988. Mr Foley has triggered a clause in the conveyancing document that gives him first option on a sale. He has made offers of £60,000 and £55,000, which the Laws turned down because they say they represent half the property's market value.

The couple began a long legal battle which they say has ings and damaged their health. Their action for nuisance, interference with the right to light and compensation for damage to the walls is likely to be heard shortly in Hereford County Court.

Before the trees grew the Laws could see the chimneys of the 17th-century mansion at the centre of Mr Foley's extensive estate. He also owns land in America. The squire's ancestors include Paul Foley. a speaker in the House of Commons in the 17th century, and Lord William Graham, who was MP for Hereford in the last century

Mr Foley hit the headlines two years ago when he left Gillian, bis wife of 20 years. for Melanie Westall-Reece. 31, a former promotions manager for Hereford United soccer club.

Mrs Laws said: "He thinks e can do this because he is lord of the manor but he is living in the past. It is like living in a cave. We cannot see anything and we have to have the lights on all day. All we see is a mass of green."

Price of petrol hits £3 a gallon a

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING EDITOR

PETROL prices have reached E3 a gallon as oil companies try to claw back the loss of millions of pounds in the forecourt price war. A survey has discovered that the price of a gallon of super-unleaded has already reached 66.3p a litre (£3.01 a gallon) in one area of the country.

Prices rose by 2p a litre last month, the latest in a series of rises since July when the big oil companies appear to have called a truce in their fight with supermarket chains. The survey was carried out by PHH Allstar, which provides fuel charge cards for company cars. Brecon Quaddy, its spokesman, said: "In nearly 20 years of monitoring fue prices, these are the highest prices we have seen. Anyone filling the tank of a mediumsized family car with ten gallons will have to pay nearly £2.80 more this month than they did in August."

PHH surveyed 700,000 transactions at petrol stations. lts research showed that fourstar fuel selling in September at a national average of 63p a litre (E2.86 a gallon), unleaded at 58p (E2.64), super-unleaded at 63p (E2.86) and diesel at 59p (E2.66). Plymouth was the costliest place to fill up, with super-unleaded at 663p (£3.01). Bradford was the cheapest, with 58p (£2.66).

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Keith Greenhead, PHH's fuel division manager, said: The main objective of the major oil companies during the price war was to improve their share of the market Thousands of independent retailers have been forced out of business.

"It shouldn't really come a.) a surprise to anyone that oil companies are now beginning to charge prices necessary to be prolitable. Motorists have enjoyed the benefits of artificially low prices for many months and it was good while

Shell said last night that & for a gallon of super-unleaded was unrepresentative. "Superunleaded is only 3 per cent of the market and does not tell the whole story. Recent prices have been driven by an inproduct fuelled by the tense situation in the Middle East."

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Trust asks Castro to return Havana half of Canaletto

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE National Trust is trying to persuade Cuba to sell half of a Canaletto canvas that was cut in two by the painter to make it more saleable.

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The trust hopes to reunite the two halves of the 18th-century painter's Chelsea from the Thames, one of which is in the National Museum, Havana, and the other in a Norfolk stately home. The left-hand portion, showing the Thames with the greenhouse of the Physic Garden, is in Blickling Hall in Norfolk, which is owned by

the National Trust. The right

reputation bruised by his nephew

half, a study of Chelsea Hos-pital and Ranelagh Gardens, is in Cuba.

The trust has appealed to Fidel Castro to sell the work, museum 50 years ago by Oscar Cintas, a Cuban collector. The Canaletto is not on display because the museum

is closed for returbishment. Nobody from the National

Trust has managed to see the

Cuban half or inspect its condition. Alastair Laing adviser on pictures and sculpture to the trust, said: "I don't think the National Trust means very much to the authorities in Cuba. I wrote last year when it looked as if things were loosening up in Cuba. It all seems to have closed down again." The Helms-Burton Act, which allows American companies to sue foreign businesses or indi-viduals that have gained from investment in Cuban property confiscated since the revolution, is not likely to affect the trust's attempt.

Merlin Waterson, regional

director for the trust's East Anglia region, said the trust had heard the Cuban Government might want to dispose of various pictures. He added: "Our picture is so very beautiful. But as soon as you know it



Chelsea from the Thames: it is not known if the right-hand portion, in the National Museum, Havana, has been damaged or if the quality of the photograph is poor

is only half, you long to see the artist's full conception. If it had been lost or destroyed, we would still have a superb and beautiful picture. I'm sure the Tate or National Gallery would be interested in acquiring it for the nation." The painting was produced during Canaletto's visit to

England between 1746 and 1748. He advertised it on July 31, 1751, in The Daily Advertiser: "Signior Canaletto/ Gives notice that he has painted the Representation of Chelsea College, Ranelagh House, and the River Thames, which if any Gentleman and others are pleas'd to favour him with

seeing the same, he will attend at his Lodgings ..." Canaletto — who is best represented in the Royal Collection - was one of the most sought-after artists of his day. He may have had difficulty selling this painting because his reputation had been bruised by his nephew. Bellotto, borrowing his name, Mr Laing said. "When the real one came along, they accused the uncle of being a fraud." That, he suggested,

may have taken its toll. The painting was believed to have measured 38in by 92in before being cut up. The trust's 34 in by 42in portion

was among Blickling's contents when the house was donated by the Marquis of Lothian in 1940.

Mr Laing said it was unusual for a picture of such quality to have been sliced up, particularly, as is believed, by the artist. Dealers regularly used to cut up pictures, ex-

tracting part of a landscape, Other paintings that have been cut up and later renovated include a view of Dordrecht by Aelbert Cuyp, owned by the trust, and milian, which was reassem-

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Builders unearth mass grave from **Wars of Roses**

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A MASS grave dating from around the area. One of the the Wars of the Roses has been around the area. One of the skeletons still had the metal siscovered by builders near Yadcaster in North Yorkshire.

The skeletons are believed to be victims of the Battle of Towton, one of the bloodiest battles fought on British soil in which more than 31,000 men fell. So far more than 50 skeletons have been recovered and some have been reburied at a churchyard near by.

The battle took place in 1461. ending in victory for the Lancastrian forces. So many died that legend holds that the local stream, the Cock beck, ran red with blood for days

The grave was found by men from KG Construction who were using a JCB to prepare the ground for buildwork. They alerted the Home Office and the skeletons were studied in a joint operation between Bradford University and the Yorkshire Archaeological Services.

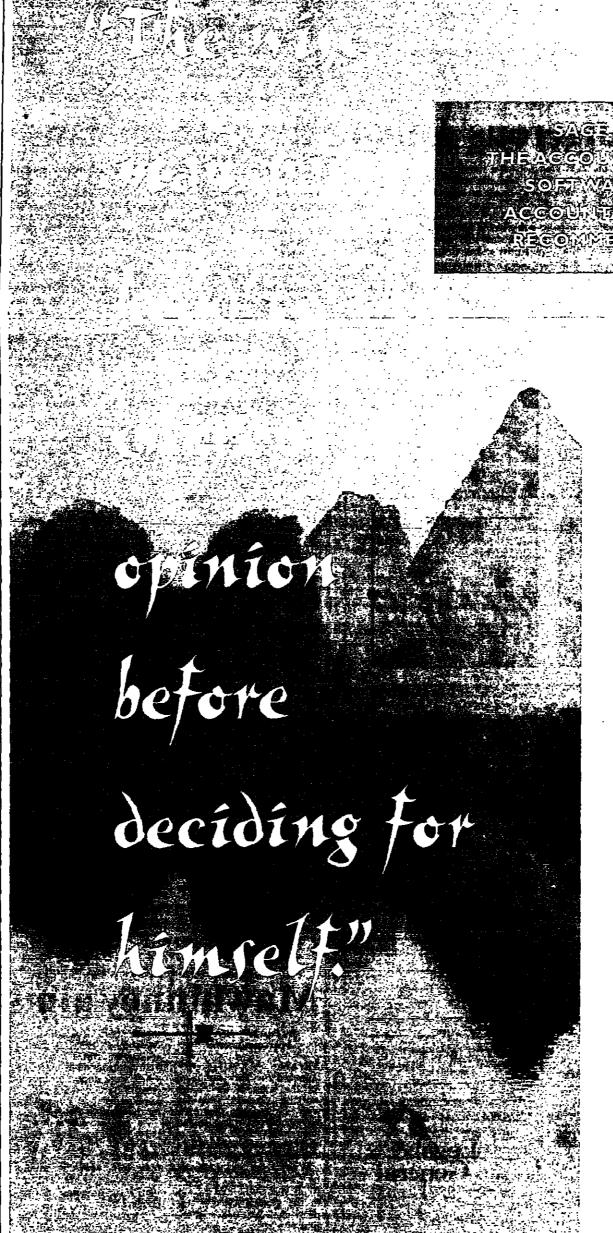
Neil Campling, county ar-chaeologist for North Yorkshire, said the six-hour hattle s fought in a snowstorm. We found about 50 skeletons heaped together in a communal grave. It is likely that they vere buried where they fell, so there may be more remains

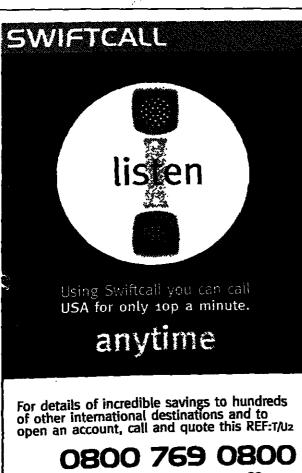
tip of an arrowhead embedded in its spine. Others had fractures and breaks to their legs. suggesting that because of the armour worn around the trunk, the enemy would try to bring their foe to his knees and

then attack his head." The bones were sent to the Calvin Wells Laboratory at Bradford University for analysis. Veronica Fiorato, deputy county archaeologist, said that while the location of various burial pits from the Wars of the Roses were known, excavation was rare. Further analysis would yield more details

of an exciting find. happy to rebury some of the skeletons in a service at All Saints Church, Saxton, He "The workmen who found the grave attended the funeral. Most of the dead probably spent their last hours in the bloody heat of

They would have been very young, teenagers I should think. I know that all of them came to a pretty grisly end. I think they have spent enough time in a field, they deserve their place in consecrated ground."





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Right opens fire on Clarke over single currency

By Jill Sherman and Andrew Pierce

OPEN warfare broke out on the first day of the Tory party Clarke came under fire from the Right for his pro-European approach.
David Heathcote-Amory.

who resigned as a minister earlier this year, criticised the Chancellor for his stance on the single currency, while Lord Tebbit argued that it was impossible to favour political union and remain a member of the Tory party.

As Tory differences over Europe dominated the fringe and threatened to overshadow the main conference, Sir Leon Brittan delivered a robust defence of monetary union and defended Mr Clarke. He was immediately rounded on by Lord Tebbit. who bitterly condemned his former Cabinet colleague for interfering in the party's EU debate.

Sir Leon, vice-president of the European Commission. sprang to the Chancellor's defence as he warned Eurosceptics not to jeopardise the EU just as things were turning Britain's way. "Don't think it hasn't been noticed in Brussels that the success of the Conservative Government in leading the British economy from recession on a sound basis is the envy of our European partners," he said. They know perfectly well that success is due in no small measure, and indeed in very large measure, to the sound hand on the tiller and wise judgment and courage of

Sir Leon praised the Prime

BY ALICE THOMSON

POLITICAL REPORTER

SCOTTISH and Welsh devolution

would be as dangerous to Britain as

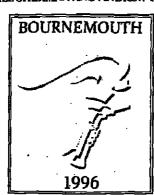
They urged Tories not to get so

embroiled in the debate over

Brussels that they did not notice the

European federalism, William Hague and Michael Forsyth told the

conference yesterday.



door open for possible membership of a single currency and argued that there was no justification for the "lears and bogeymen" brought up by Euro-sceptics to frighten the country. "It would be perverse to turn our backs on Europe just as it is turning our way, he said. He portrayed a Europe of consent, free choice and mutual benefit which Britain had always wanted. "It would be a mistake of immense proportions if the panic and defeatism of the anti-Europeans were to deny us that achievement just as it is finally within our grasp."

However, Lord Tebbit, a

former party chairman, said that Sir Leon should have known better. He told a crowded room of 1,200 Eurosceptic activists: "It was difficult enough to suffer these paid lobbyists like Sir Leon Brittan interfering in our affairs. Civil servants should know their place."

Lord Tebbit, who received a

standing ovation as he took to

Secretary, led the assault on Labour's devolution plans insisting that maintaining the "strength, unity

and integrity" of the United Kingdom was the highest priority. He said the

simple message to the voters was:

"You can vote Labour, but if you do, it

may cost you your job, it will

certainly cost you in your pocket and

it may also cost you your country."

attacked the EU. But he reserved his most bitter attack for Sir Leon, one of Britain's

two EU commissioners.

"Civil servants who have undertaken not to break their Privy Council oath, by upholding the interests of this king-dom above all others, should particularly keep quiet."

The fringe meeting, hosted by the European Foundation, the Euro-sceptic think-tank partly funded by Baroness Thatcher, was easily the best attended of the day. Dozens of people were turned away at the door.

Lord Tebbit also added to the fray with an implicit attack on the Chancellor, claiming that anyone who believed in political union - which he believed a single currency would inevitably lead to could not remain a member of the Tory Party.

"In my judgment, here in our party the advocates of political union - often sloppicalled federalists - are very few in number indeed. In fact I would go as far as to say that while there may be right-wing federalists it is simply impos-sible to accept both the ethos and philosophy of this party and a doctrine of federalism or political union. They are mutually exclusive."

He believed that John Major was right to say that Britain should be in on the negotiations. But he added: "I do not believe that this is incompatible with saying that Britain will not participate in the first wave.'

Throughout the day the



By Andrew Pierce

SUPPORTERS of John Redwood and Michael Portillo are working behind the scenes this week, pressing the case of their candidates in the unofficial Tory leadership contest.

Few doubt that the Right's hour will come in a post-Major leadership contest. The balance of power between the Redwood and Portillo camp is constant-

Mr Redwood attracted 89 votes in the leadership contest against Mr Major last year. His supporters claim he has now

dominated the agenda with

John Redwood questioning the Prime Minister's wait and see policy". Michael How-ard and Michael Portillo also

adopted a Euro-sceptic tone.

but as their speeches had been

vetted by Downing Street they

Mr Redwood told a fringe

contained few fireworks.

Ministers deride 'dangerous' Labour devolution plans

ess Thatcher led a standing ovation. Mr Hague told the conference he knew a dog's breakfast when he saw

one, adding: "Labour's devolution plans are a breakfast to which no self-

respecting dog would put its name."

Mr Forsyth said that devolution

would mean the end of Britain and

urged the party to stand up and fight

for the Union. He said: "Our United

Kingdom is in mortal danger. We

Rivals vie for pole position

paign against the single currency and excessive public spending. He has been careful to avoid the charge of disloyalty. Mr Portillo, prevented by Cabinet collective responsibility from speaking out against a single currency, has still not been forgiven by many for his failure to take on Mr Major last year.

after the election."

He added: "If we unite

behind the Prime Minister's

statement that monetary

union without observing the

treaty would be dangerous, we

proposals." He asked the representa-

tives to imagine the Union Jack without the St Andrew's Cross and

held one up before casting it aside.

"You are left with an anaemic red

asterisk. Does this represent the past three centuries of our history? Does

this make your blood course with

memories of a thousand triumphs in

The motion committing the Gov-

ernment to the preservation of the

war and peace?"

300 party members that it was

impossible to influence the

debate on a single currency unless Britain had an opinion.

Tacitly criticising the Prime

Minister's policy, he said: "It

is not going to be possible for either major party to get through an election campaign

saying it does not know

up and win back our country — win the Battle of Britain."

Scottish MPs at Westminster after

devolution to "impose socialism on England" but its policy was a shambles. He said: "Gordon Brown,

the Shadow Chancellor, would not be

able to legislate on health, education

or most other matters affecting the

daily lives of his constituents in

Dunfermline; but he could do so for

people in Dagenham under Labour's

The Opposition wanted to keep

But he still has many supporters. Norman Lamont, one of Mr Redwood's principal backers, has swung back behind Mr Portillo.

"Michael is going to make carefully measured speeches, praising the Prime Minister, and remaining very loyal. He believes that is the way to maintain and win the respect of many of his col-leagues. Unity first is his philosophy," one of his lieutenants said last night.

But the danger for both is that they have split the Right. Michael Howard or Michael Forsyth could come through the middle and steal the crown.

al even to grant a referendum the pound or not, when a on the issue." decision will have to be taken on this crucial matter so soon

David Heathcoat-Amory was the most explicit in his criticism. Repeating that John Major should rule out partici-

pation in EMU, he said: The proposal to give up the pound is a constitutional outrage and



Beneath the tacky veneer

is keeping Britain's options open so that he can retain a seat at the negotiating table. The stance was spelt out definitively by Mr Major in The Times on Saturday in an attempt to forestall trouble at this week's conference.

Sceptics poised for spring

offensive *

POLITICAL EDITOR LEADING Euro-sceptics within the Cabinet are to make

a further attempt to persuade

the Prime Minister to rule

Britain out of the European

single currency for the lifetime

of the next Parliament. They are likely to make their

move early in the new year when, because the election will

be only a few weeks away.

they believe a change from John Major's wait-and-see policy would be less likely to provoke a damaging resignation from Kenneth Clarke or Michael Hessiene.

Conservative insiders say there is a majority in the

Cabinet for what they see as the electorally popular move of ruling Britain out of mone-

Eurosceptic ministers sup-

port the current line being

taken by John Major, that he

Michael Heseltine.

tary union.

Although tensions on Europe were clearly on view on the fringe of the conference yesterday, with Mr Clarke under attack from the former minister David Heathcoat-Amory and Lord Tebbit, there were no signs of the Cabinet truce coming under strain.

An indication of the Eurosceptic shift in the Cabinet was shown by last March's discussion which led to the agreement that the Government would hold a referenfor a referendum did not come from the Eurosceptics, such as Michael Portillo, Michael Howard, Michael Forsyth and

retary, and Wiliam Walde-grave, the Treasury Chief Secretary.

leaving Mr Clarke, Mr Heseltine, and John Gummer

After their speechs, Mr Hague and Mr Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, threat that their own country might be torn apart. Mr Hague, the Welsh must reclaim our birthright. Now's waved a large Union Jack as Baronthe day and now's the hour to stand











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Women put their faith

IN BRIEF

in Labour Only 30 per cent of women who have decided on their vote

will back the Conservatives at the next election, compared with 52 per cent for Labour, according to a MORI poll. The figures, showing that the Tories can longer count on a traditional source of support, will be discussed at a conference fringe meeting tomorrow. John Major's rating with women lags at -29.

Question time

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, broke with tradi-tion and held a question-andanswer session instead of delivering a speech. The apparently unscripted questions were on subjects ranging from abortion to NHS bureaucracy.

Today's business

Malcolm Rifkind on Europe and foreign affairs; lan Lang on trade and industry; ques-tion-and-answer session with John Major: Peter Lilley on social security: John Gummer on the environment; Sir George Young on transport.

On the fringe

Today's fringe meetings include: Stephen Dorrell on Europe at the Foreign Allairs Forum; Norman Lamont on Europe at the Guard-ian debate; Michael Portillo at the Conservative Way Forward group: the European Movement debate between Sir Teddy Taylor and

are ideas worth pursuing pportunity for All is more than just a con-#IDDELL -ON POLITICS ference slogan. The

Tories do have an underlying theme, though you could be forgiven for missing it in the deluge of trite Labour-bashing, vacuous flag-waving and contrived "Maggie loves John" photo opportunities. The explanation came from David Willetts, the leadership's inhouse ideologist, who has been in the news recently for the exercise of the baser political

For Mr Willetts, the link between this week's various initiatives on education, welfare reform and the like is the promotion of opportunity through social mobility. Speaking at a Conservative Political Centre fringe meeting yesterday, he argued that British society was much more mobile than generally beleived or implied by left-wing claims (endorsed by Tony Blair a week ago) of a 30-40-30 division the secure haves, the insecure haves and the have-

He quoted work by the Institute of Fiscal Studies showing the extent to which people move between social and income groups. For instance, those in the bottom tenth of the income distribution in 1991 saw their average income rise by more than a quarter from ES6 to E110 a week over the following twelve months. This is hardly much but it suggests that many at the bottom of the income ladder improved their pos-

ition. By contrast, some other people fell into this bottom category, but they were not the same ones as the year before. The poor may always be with us, but they are different groups of people each year. Another measure of social

mobility is shifts between gen-erations. The IFS has looked at the incomes of both fathers and children. Just a third of those currently in the top fifth of the income scale had fathers in the same band, while a tenth had fathers in the bottom fifth. This is far from total social mobility but it suggests greater movement up and down than is widely assumed.

The key to mobility is education. On that, at least, Mr Blair and the Tories are agreed. The National Child Development Study, based on the experience of all children born in a few weeks in 1958, shows that those with some educational quallifications

move up the income scale. Mr Willetts argues that the role of government is to pro-mote such mobility through the adoption of a free market agenda. He contrasts this with the Labour approach of intervention and regulation, of the social chapter and the like, which have reinforced existing social divisions and has been reflected in high levels of youth unemployment across the Continent, I can already hear rumblings of dissent

from Gordon Brown and "new" Labour policymaker about the importance of social cohesion as an aid to economic growth.

The mobility rather than equality theme links a series of government policy initiatives from the promotion of educational choice and nursery vouchers, the extension of workfare experiments (coupling active counselling with the threat of the withdrawal of benefits) to other welfare-towork ideas. This approach is broadly accepted across the Tory party.

These ideas amount to more than repetitious jibes about Islington man and woman and the attempt in classic Tory fashion to appeal to "ordinary hardworking men and women" whether Disraeli's "angels in marble", the affluent workers of the Macmillan era or Thatcher's Essex man. They provide a focus for the Tory programme and an alternitive to the more active "erabling" state agenda advocated by both the Blairites and Clintonites and by writers like John Kay in Britain and EJ. Dionne in America. But if Opportunity for All is to have a life beyond Bournemouth. the Tories need to flesh out Mr Willetts's ideas — to demonstrate that mobility means opportunity for the insecure have-nots as well as for the secure and aspiring haves.

PETER RIDDELL

Mawhinney aims for workers' vote

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

BRIAN MAWHINNEY launched the Tory campaign for the votes of the "hardworking classes" yesterday with a warning that new Labour would mean higher taxes, more strikes, the end of quality schools and the sell-out to a federal Europe.

With Labour and the Tories now convinced that the bluecollar vote could hold the key to the general election, the party chairman delivered the first of a string of conference speeches designed to appeal to

their core values. Dr Mawhinney told his party that while the Tories would be addressing issues of substance which were important to millions of hard-working people. Labour just had "soundbites for the chattering classes."

As part of the campaign party strategists have decided to portray John Major as a man of the people, and contrast him with the publicschool-educated Mr Blair, the man more at home with the chattering classes.

"Honest John against Phoney Tony" is one slogan. Another is that while the Tories layour the "hard-working classes" Labour prefers the "chattering, classes, striking, classes and shirking Policies thought to be of

most attraction to the working classes such as tackling benefit cheats, bureaucrats and criminals are at the heart of the programme.

Mr Mawhinney won cheers when he described Mr Major as a man "who lives and breathes the decent, practical, sensible beliefs of the British people." He was "the most honest, plain-speaking and straightforward man in Brit-

way from Brixton's streets to Downing Street on the back of his own achievement, his own toughness and the wonderful support of Norma"

Turning to Mr Major he declared: "This man, this tough fighter, this commonsense, compassionate, decent man: this true Brit, this is the best man to be our prime

Mr Mawhinney added 155 Conservatism was instinctive and that Britain would need its decency, compassion and belief in the individual more than ever in the years ahead.

dum on the single currency if it decided to go in. The move William Hague.

It was apparently proposed by Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, who was swiftly backed by Tony Newton, the Commons leader, Gillian Shephard, the Education Sec-

It was only then that the delighted sceptics weighed in.

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Major's fortunes brighten as Thatcher swings behind him

POLITICAL REPORTER

NORMA MAJOR may think she husband's life, but she now has a formidable rival in Margaret Thatcher. When the Baroness wept into Bournemouth yesterday she made it clear that, far from being John Major's enemy, she was determined to be his new Stealth bomber.

Past differences temporarily forgotten, she pledged herself as paraded around the conference stalls extolling her successor's

Other suitors for Lady Thatcher's hand lay rejected in her wake. She had no time for John Redwood or Michael Portillo, with whom she had former dalliances and made it clear she was not fraternising with Sir James Goldsmith and his Referendum Party.

Gone was the gaunt, haggard look of recent conferences when there were allegations about her son being involved in arms deals. his new platform paramour and her teeth were aching and she was

conference platform in her favourite kingfisher blue and a deep lipstick, which smeared over Malcolm Rifkind, the Scottish Secretary, as he was getting up to speak.

She didn't really understand the jokes about "Hans Christian Mandelson". He was from a different generation. But she just recognised William Hague, the now balding Welsh Secretary, who was sitting beside her and reminisced about the speech he gave in 1977 as a precocious 17year-old urging her to be more

right-wing.
Then John appeared on the platform and she beamed. The Prime Minister even managed an awkward kiss and she patted the seat next to her. He looked as though he couldn't believe his luck Lady Thatcher even smiled at a glowering Michael Heseltine and nodded to Sir Leon Brittan, who grimaced - both still smart-

ing ten years out of her Cabinet. Lady Thatcher only momentarily forgot her new second lieutenant's position, when Brian

Mawhinney, the party chairman, attacked Mr Blair's admission that he admired some of her leadership qualities. "Mr Blair, I know Margaret Thatcher. Marga-ret Thatcher is a friend of mine. Mr Blair, you are no Margaret Thatcher," he said.

She began clapping and stamp ing her dainty feet. As an aide explained later, this was the real reason she is backing the Prime Minister. "She is horrified at the thought that Tony Blair thinks he can inherit her mantle."

Next she went to a lunch

her PR guru, Sir Tim Bell, and the MPs Alan Duncan and John Whittingdale. She refused to be disloyal. "It was more of a seminar than a rant," a source said. "She kept asking us to think of ways we could defeat Tony Blair. She was adamant Labour shouldn't lead us into the next millennium and was extremely worried about the consequences

for Europe and the Union. She would have made all the Tory rebels feel extremely guilty. Baroness Thatcher needed only half an hour to write her speech, which she said would be easy: it was all about unity. So she had time for a quick walkabout before her next date with Mr Major at a fringe meeting. She refused to wear a red badge with flashing Tony Blair eyes, but she still managed to make Tony Blair sound like the devil.

One fan shouted out: "I've always wanted to meet your handbag." Lady Thatcher replied: "Well, don't worry, I'm still swinging it." And for the moment she is swinging it for Mr Major.

Howard promises to give courts new range of powers

THE Home Secretary sought to calm Tory lears over law and order yesterday by announcing new legislation to combat crimes ranging from stalking and rape to drugpushing and persistent juven-

Michael Howard plans to strengthen the powers of the courts by allowing them to ban criminals from driving, to jail stalkers for up to five years and to name young criminals. He reacted to activists' concerns by making clear that a packed Crime Bill this autumn will underpin Tory moves to make law and order central to the general election

The move to allow courts to til confiscate driving licences from people convicted of nonmotoring offences was wel-comed by rank-and-file Tories. Mr Howard said that taking away driving licences from people such as thieves, burglars or fine defaulters would act as "a powerful deterrent for many criminals". However. Home Office officials admitted that the radical move is unlikely to be introduced before the election.

He addressed public fears about stalking by confirming that new laws to prevent harassment and molestation will be the Government's priority in the coming months. Ministers are expected to back

which can become law more quickly than government legislation, introducing a maximum five-year sentence if a person breached a court order preventing them from sending flowers or making persistent relephone calls against someone else's wishes.

A comprehensive package of law and order measures is to be included in the Crime Bill, which will feature in the Queen's Speech. The Bill will also include previously announced measures introducseven years for persistent dealers in hard drugs and automatic life sentences for secondtime serious sexual and violent offenders.

Concentrating on the need to prevent drug-pushing, Mr Howard said that many nightclubs were like a magnet for drug-pushers but that they could not be closed down easily even if employees were known to be among the suppliers. Clubs could remain open for up to a year if the owner appealed against having his licence taken away.
"In future, when a licence is

scrapped because of drugs, the club will shut. Not later that year, but straight away. We can't take any risks with the lives of our children."

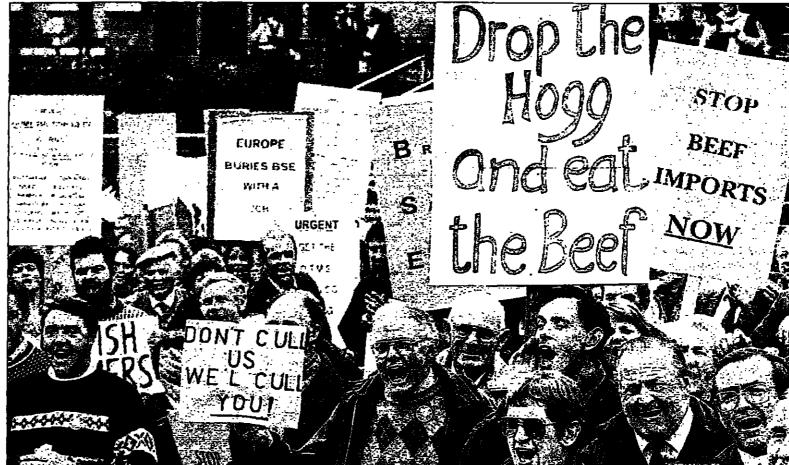
Turning to public outrage over lenient sentencing, he pointed to the sentence last been convicted of rape twice before. "Because he wasn't given a life sentence he had to be released. Released again to rape - and he did. That should never happen, and under my sentencing proposals it won't. Criminals like him will get a life sentence

automatically. He criticised the restrictions that prevented courts from naming offenders under the age of 17, even if they persistently offended. "These offenders need to be made to face up to their crimes, their communities and their victims."

He drew enthusiastic applause when he defended the right of parents to smack their children and reiterated his opposition to any attempt by the European Court of Human Rights to outlaw it.

Mr Howard emphasised the importance of anti-crime measures as a pre-election weapon in the face of polling evidence suggesting that Labour had caught up with the Tories as a party trusted on law and order.

"You don't become the party of law and order by calling yourself the party of law and order. You need to stand up for law and order, to take tough action to preserve it and to persevere with that action no matter how rough the going gets. On all these tests, Labour have failed, failed and



£45m aid fails to placate farmers

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

ALMOST a thousand farmers gathered at the conference in Bournemouth yesterday to protest at the Government's nandling of the BSE crisis.

Despite a pledge by Doug-las Hogg to give the beef industry an extra compensation package worth £45 million, farmers left

with the Agriculture Minister's performance. Many called for his resignation. John Major cleared time to hold talks with farmers' leaders and promised to do everything he could to ease their

problems. But while farmers said the 12-hour meeting had been useful, they said their patience was exhausted and demanded further action. The Prime Minister, who

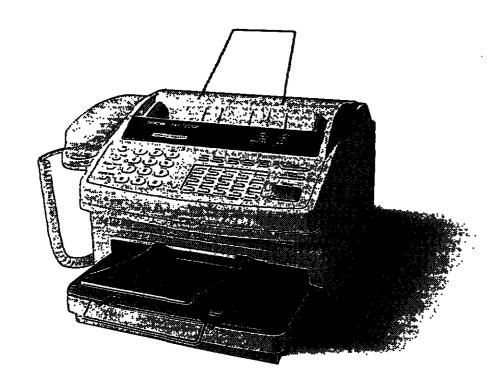
dent of the National Farmers' Union, and a small group of farmers, said: "I absolutely understand why there are so many farmers out there today and sympathise with their

position. Sir David said: "We have been patient but our patience is exhausted. We need now to see our actions which we have put to the Prime Minister brought to bear."

a restoration of the basic compensation price for each cow slaughtered, which was cut from an average of £500 per cow to £450 ten days ago.

Outside the conference hall. farmers were sceptical. A sea of banners and placards declared: "Fire that chinless Hogg now", and "No more

Inside, farmers said no one had fought as hard for the



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Decline in ordinands means 4,000 parishes are likely to have no full-time priest by 2000

Church of England faces recruitment crisis

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

LARGE parts of Britain face a future without a full-time parish priest, according to a report which discloses a recruitment crisis in the Church of England.

The report forecasts that by 2001 the number of full-time male clergy will have fallen by 1,175 to 8,007. The number of women being ordained will not compensate for the shortfall, with the current total increasing by 99 to 963.

According to the report, there will be about 9,000 full-time men and women priests in the Church by the turn of the century, leaving at least

But not all those 9,000 will be fulltime parish priests because, as now. more than 600 will work in administrative or cathedral jobs. Already. many parishes have been combined into team or group ministries and this trend is likely to continue.

The report, Numbers in Ministry 1996, discloses a slump in vocations since the General Synod voted to ordain women priests in 1992. Three theological colleges have closed and numbers at others are down by more than half. This year, 210 men and 81 women are expected to complete their training and enter full-time stipendiary ministry. By next year the numbers will fall to 190 men and 65 women.

gests that ordaining married or women priests might not be the answer to the Churches' recruitment difficulties. One of the most surprising revelations in the report is that, after the first flush of ordinations of women priests, hardly any new women are entering the full-time ministry.

Church of England dioceses are responding to the shortfall by recruiting increasing numbers of unpaid clergy to take services on Sundays. But many of these have other work and are not available for priestly duties such as visiting, writing parish magazines or managing parish affairs. Many church

has already taken place in the leaders fear the decline heralds a Roman Catholic Church and sugnationwide change in the pattern of the Church's ministry. They are concerned that the increasing reliance on non-stipendiary priests is denting the principle that a priest be available to all in every parish.

The figures also show a fall in the number of clergy who enjoy the traditional parson's freehold, or a job for life. Increasingly they are being made priest-in-charge, assistant curate or team vicar, operating on a bishop's licence only, which means that they can be dismissed without notice.

There has also been a severe erosion of the Church's catholic wing in the wake of the decision to ordain women priests, with a corrgelical and liberal tendencies. The number of traditionalists on parson's freehold has fallen to about 20 since the vote to ordain women.

The changes come at a time when increasing numbers of clergy are reaching retirement age or leaving the ministry. In 1995, 338 retired and 236 left for other reasons. One knock-on effect will be that, although the cost of stipends will fall, the burden of pensions will

Chichester, Lincoln and Salisbury and Wells theological colleges have shut and Yorkshire's Mirfield College of the Resurrection, a training ground for the catholic wing, has eight students completing their

The report will be discussed by the synod when it meets next month. The Rev Stephen Trott, of the MSF union's clergy section, said: "It is clearly going to encourage bishops and dioceses to think in terms of using more non-stipendiary clergy. I suspect that this will result in a reduced quality of clergy being available to the parishes. The whole point of parish ministry is that a priest should be available, and nonstipendiary clergy are generally not available, except for services.

The report notes that ordinands now have little difficulty in finding jobs. Last year, all the new priests were successfully ordained into

cealing money, representing the proceeds of drug traffick-ing, for the purpose of avoid-ing prosecution.

Drugs cash accused in court

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John Gilligan, 44, of Dublin. was remanded in custody for eight days by magistrates at Uxbridge yesterday, charged with an offence under the Drug Trafficking Act. Mr Gilligan is accused of con-

Designer arrests

Fake designer clothing worth more than £2 million has been seized in raids by police and trading standards officers on homes and ware-houses in Essex and east London. Five men were

Asthma advice

Information cards are to be distributed to asthma sufferers to help them to spot condition. The Department of Health is sending over 130,000 cards to GPs to be given out at check-ups.

Ford milestone

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as the company celebrated
the production of 250 million
vehicles worldwide. The first Dagenham Ford was a Mod-el A truck, made in 1931.

Cell stabbing

A police officer was in a serious condition in hospital after being stabbed by a prisoner as he escorted him to a cell. PC Bill Bolan, 37, was stabbed in the shoulder and thigh at Bridewell police station. Liverpool.

Sunday sailing

A ferry company is planning last Hebridean islands where observance of the Subbath has prevented a serfice. Cale donian MacBrayne aims to begin sailings to the Isles of Lewis and Harris in 1998.

Timely reminder British Summer Time will

end at 2am on Sunday, October 27, when clocks should be put back one hour to lam, Greenwich

Bishop and lover emerge from hiding to apologise

THE former bishop, Roderick Wright, and his lover Kaththe typed statement, said: "We leen Macphee emerged from their Lakeland hideaway yesterday to apologise for the sadness and pain" caused since they ran away together more than four weeks ago. Mr Wright, 56, and Miss

Macphee, 41, a divorcee, held a news conference in the back garden of their rented terraced house in Kendal, in the hope that that their first public appearance together would end the media presence outside their house.

The former Roman Catholic bishop and Miss Macphee have spent the past two weeks on the Continent, trying to escape the controversy which has followed them since they ran away together and sold their story to the News of the World. Earlier yesterday, in newspaper interviews, the couple disclosed that they had consummated their relation-

ship and were to marry. Mr Wright, reading from

wish to apologise, especially to our families who have suffered so much, not only because of the manner of our leaving, but because of the intense pressure placed upon them by the media. We also wish to apologise to the Catholic Church, in Scotland in particular and especially to the priests and people of Argyll and the Isles."

He added: "We are in love and intend to marry but at this moment we are living from day to day and we do not yet know when that will be."

The couple said they were concerned by the portrayals of Miss Macphee's relationship with her three children, aged 24, 18, and 15, whom she had left in her home in Fort William, Highland, to be with the bishop. "She has a close and loving relationship with them all and that will continue." the statement said. "They are fully supportive of her." any newspaper but his lover Mr Wright said he was not said she had accepted a small



Hand in hand, Roderick Wright and Kathleen Macphee climb the steps from their Lakeland house yesterday. The former bishop read a statement

currently looking for work, adding that he had no idea what the future held. The pair intended "living our Catholic faith as best we can" and the former bishop said he would miss his vocation as a priest. "We both accept the Church's law and have no criticism to make," he added. He said he had not accepted money from any newspaper but his lover

amount" from the News of the World on behalf of her children. However, she had yet to receive the money and was not certain she would accept it. When asked if it had all

been worth it, Mr Wright said: "In one sense yes. Our main sadness and pain is what we caused in the lives of others." He was asked if he accepted the charge that they had betrayed the Church and re-

plied: "In a sense, yes, and that something I feel very sad about. Betrayal, in a sense, of leaving the vocation which [had chosen and lived so many years of my life."

He said he accepted the church's laws on celibacy — "I make no further comment on that. I make no excuses" and added that he and Miss Macphee wished they had handled things differently. "In a way we went backwards instead of forwards, but it spiralled into something nei-ther of us ever expected."

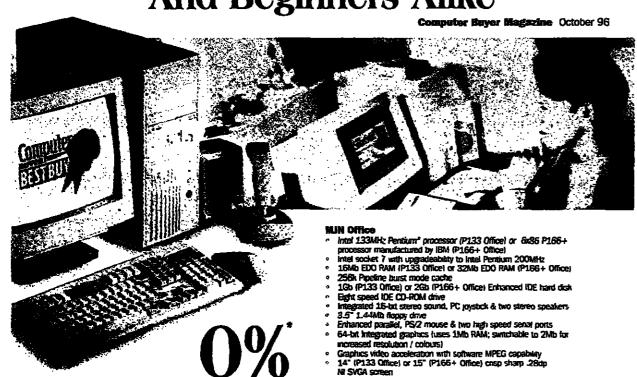
Mr Wright said he had not spoken to his illegitimate son. Kevin Whibley, 15, but planned to when it was "appropriate to both of us".

Finally, the couple were asked why they had chosen thought it would be a nice

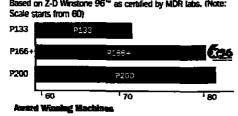
place," Mr Wright The Catholic Church in Scotland issued a cold re-

sponse to the apology. Father Tom Connelly, Catholic Church spokesman, said: "It would be lacking in courtesy to say anything via the media. He has not been in touch with us. If the bishop wants us to say something he can always

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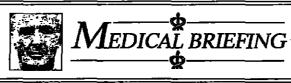
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Fooled by fallible pregnancy test



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE story of the pregnancy which was not diagnosed has been told this week in the High Court and will remind all older doctors of the difficulties faced before modern pregnancy diagnostic tests became available at ev-

ery chemist.

Maureen Flynn of Clapham, giving evidence about her pregnancy, said that in 1989, aged 39, she was taking the mini Pill. Even so, when she missed two periods she went to see her doctor, who said the most likely reason was the emotional upset she felt after her eldest son ran away from home.

Routine pregnancy tests were carried out but were apparently negative. Mrs Flynn returned a month later to report that she still had not had a period, that she thought she was pregnant, that she was feeling abnormally tired, that her abdomen was so swollen her skirt would not do up and that she was experiencing numbness in her hands. By her fourth visit the patient was also suffering from indigestion and excessive wind. The doctor, presumably misled by a series of apparently negative pregnancy tests and the patient's history of taking the mini Pill regularly, still dismissed the thought of pregnancy and

gave her a tip. Rejecting the standard indigestion mixtures suggested in the British National Formu-

lary, he recommended that there was nothing like a good curry to settle wind. The doctor's experience of curry houses is unusual, as most lovers of vindaloo find that it is guaranteed to produce rather than cure flatulence. Eventually. Mrs Flynn's pregnancy was diagnosed by ultrasound, but not before its presence had also been missed by doctors on her first visit to the local teaching hospital.

Although doctors used to pride themselves on their ability to detect early pregnancy without diagnostic kits, mistakes were often made. Diagnosis rested on the apprearance and feel of the breasts, as well as by taking a

careful history.

Even before the enlarging uterus could be felt suspicions would have been triggered by the patient's increasing girth. This is because abdominal bloating is a feature of early pregnancy and is caused by the softening of the muscles brought on by hormonal changes. Tingling in the hands can result from the effect of the weight of the enlarging breasts pulling on the nerves in the neck.

The old adage that every woman between 15 and 50 who misses a period is pregnant unless proved otherwise is still a good one. Contrary to popular belief, pregnancy tests can give false and equivocal results, particularly if the urine is contaminated.

Hospitals 'ignore clot risk'

FEWER than half of highrisk patients undergoing surgery are given anti-blood clotting drugs that could save their lives, says a report published today (Jeremy Laurance writes).

More than 3,000 cases of blood clots in the lungs would be avoided and 400 lives saved if all patients at high risk were given the drugs. much as £82 million.

says the report by the Office of Health Economics, funded by the pharmaceutical industry. The report says the cost of treating patients with deepvein thromboses and pulmonary embolism was between £205 and £223 million in 1993; if all patients at high risk were given preventive drugs, the saving to the NHS could be as

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Dole tries to lure voters with offer of post for Powell

BOB DOLE, desperate to boost his electoral appeal, is expected shortly to announce that Colin Powell will join his Cabinet if he wins the White

"I've discussed this generally with General Powell," the Republican presidential nominee said in an interview on Tuesday. He had not promised the hugely-popular Gulf War hero a specific job, but what I might do is indicate some of the people who would be in a Dole administration without specific titles".

Mr Dole said he had also laiked to James Baker and William Bennett, former Secretaries of State and Education, about cabinet posts.

The aim of such an unorthodox pre-election announcement would be to draw "a contrast between the people Bob Dole might choose and the people that Bill Clinton has chosen", so Americans could vote more for a team

than an individual. Mr Dole had breakfast privately with General Powell in Washington last week, triggering spec-ulation that he would name the general as his presumptive Secretary of State during Sun-day night's presidential debate with Mr Clinton.

That did not happen, but Mr Dole has another opportunity tomorrow when General Powell is expected to cam-paign with him in Ohio. The general, America's fa-vourite public figure, retired

as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff in 1993, refused the post of Secretary of State when President Clinton offered it in 1994, and joined the Republican Party in 1995 after deciding not to run for president.

Four weeks before polling day, Mr Dole's plight was summed up yesterday by a Newsweek cover story head-lined "Is It Over?", and by the fact that tonight's vice-presi-

Gore and Jack Kemp is being widely portrayed as the first presidential debate of the next election rather than a key event in this one.

Mr Gore is clearly Mr Clinton's heir-apparent. Mr Kemp has equally clearly secured the inside track for the Republican nomination with his effervescent performances on the campaign trail.

One American commentator labelled the encounter in St Petersburg, Florida, a "sneak preview of the first presiden-tial campaign of the 21st century", and the two will undoubtedly seek to use the 90 minutes of priceless primetime exposure to advance their own causes as well as their

Mr Gore and Mr Kemp are good friends. They were fellow years, and both unsuccessfully sought their parties' nominations in 1988. But stylistically they are polar opposites.

Weizman offers olive branch to **Arafat**

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELS President Weizman yesterday hosted Yassir Arafat at his private seaside villa and announced that he would visit Egypt next week to patch-up differences with President Mubarak.

After talks and an al fresco lunch at which an olive branch was laid symbolically beside each of their plates, the Israeli leader and President of the Palestinian Authority gave a surprisingly conciliatory news conference at which Mr Arafat pledged he had given a permanent order" to his po-

licemen never again to fire on

Israeli troops. Mr Weizman denied that yesterday's meeting - and Mr Arafat's first official trip to the Jewish state — had been called to circumvent Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, who is widely perceived in the Arab world as a

But the talks in Caesarea. immediately provoked contro-versy. Nissim Zvilli, secretarygeneral of the opposition



Labour Party, claimed the meeting was "an expression of no confidence in the Prime

Some right-wing supporters of Mr Netanyahu condemned the talks conducted by Mr Weizman, whose constitutional position is largely symbolic

influence among ordinary Hanan Porat, a member of the National Religious Party, a

member of the ruling Likudled coalition, said the talks were a "grave and regrettable step", adding that Mr Weizman could have estabthat Mr Arafat had personally played a part in inciting the recent attacks which left 15 Israelis and 68 Palestinians

Hours earlier, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators meet-ing at the Erez crossing had clashed over Israeli proposals

The US envoy Dennis Ross had to intervene to bring the Palestinians back to the table. ☐ Kuwait: The opposition lost domination of parliament Monday's elections with pro-government deputies securing a majority. (Reuter)

Loyalist refugees stake claim on US land lost in 1792

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

TWO centuries after the muskets of their ancestors fell ilent, the descendants of British Loyalists who fled for Canada after the War of Independence are again fighting against their American

John Godfrey and Peter Milliken, both Canadian parliamentarians who can trace their heritage to the American revolution, are co-sponsoring a private member's Bill that aims to redress the apparent failure of a famous 18th century treaty to compensat Loyalists who lost their land and assets after the war.

Employing the same rules Clinton Administration in showing its distress over American property losses in Cuba, the two men believe their legislation will highlight the indifference of the

S Government the confiscated Loyalist lands. The Helms-Burton Act, signed into law by President Clinton earlier this year, provoked widespread criticism from Britain. Canada and other allies for its plans to punish any foreign company dealing in property commandeered after the Cuban revolution.

"I have tried to mimic in every detail the language, rhetoric and logic of Helms-Burton," said Mr Godfrey. We are separated by a couple of hundred years but I am a historian and frankly the precedent is the same." Under the terms of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, both

America and Britain agreed that individual states should be urged to give back land plundered from Loyalists. Various commissions were set up and commercial debts owed to British merchants were settled, but the land issue has remained outstanding ever since, and most of those who tried reclaim property were unceremoniously

thrown into jail. Mr Godfrey, for example, believes he is entitled to Carter's Grove, a sprawling home near Williamsburg in Virginia. Mr Milliken claims the rights to a large swath of the Mohawk Valley. Other

Loyalist descen dants, contacted **6** Loyalist by Mr Godfrey via the Internet. descendants seem to remem claim land in ber that their forebears fled Manhattan, what is now extremely valu Philadelphia able property in and Boston 9 Philadel-

phia, Boston and large parts of North Carolina, the home state of Jesse Helms, author of the anti-Cuba legislation.

Neither MP is hopeful that their carefully crafted work will secure passage through the Parliament in Ottawa, but they believe a serious political point is being made.

If it were to become law, however, the Act would have one immediate and amusing side-effect. Mr Clinton, his wife Hillary and their daughter, Chelsea, would be barred from visiting Canada for "trafficking" in 700 acres of downtown Washington formerly owned by defenders of the British Crown.

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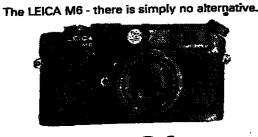
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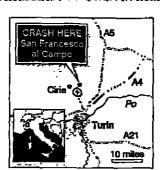
Four die as world's biggest cargo jet crashes on village

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

FOUR people were killed and more were feared dead yesterday when a Russian Antonov 124 transport plane crashed half a mile short of Turin airport in driving rain. ploughing through a farmhouse and leaving a trail of devastation in its wake.

Police said the identity of those killed was still unclear but they appear to include the pilot and co-pilot, and two villagers who were in the farmhouse at the time of the crash. Fifteen people were taken to hospital, mostly surviving members of the estimated 24-man Russian crew who escaped from the blazing plane on an evacuation shute. Two are badly hurt and one is in a coma.

The Antonov 124 - the world's largest cargo plane was leased to a Russian company. Ayaks Cargo, by Aeroflot, and chartered by Aviation Consultants, a British-based air cargo broker. The crew



was also hired from Aeroflot. Witnesses said the huge cargo plane, which was due to pick up a consignment of Ferrari cars at Turin for sale in the Gulf and Brunei, was approaching the airport at Caselle when the tragedy occ-urred. The pilot had aborted his first attempt at landing and was trying to gain height before making a second at-tempt when the plane's lowered undercarriage struck rooftops and ploughed into a two storey building in San

Francesco al Campo, a village of 2,000 people. One witness said he heard a crash and saw the tail of the plane sticking out of the house". He said two crewmen

emerged from the plane and staggered towards him in a confused state, asking him in English to call an ambulance. After hitting the buildings the plane careered across a field and came to rest on a road leading out of the village

towards the local cemetery. Helicopters ferried the in-jured to hospital as the emergency services continued to search through the smouldering wreckage. Turin airport was closed for several hours because of the risk of an explosion, and because all the airport fire tenders were at the scene of the disaster. A team of Russian aviation investigators left Moscow for Turin to examine the wreckage and establish the cause of the



Firefighters attend the smouldering wreckage of the Antonov 124 which crashed into a village on the outskirts of Turin airport yesterday

Surgeons say Pope. is free of tumours

By RICHARD OWEN

THE POPE'S doctors said yesterday that they no evidence of tumours or other complica-tions during a 50-minute "textbook" operation to

remove his appendix. Professor Francesco Crucitti, who performed the surgery, said the Pope could be back on his feet by today and should be able to leave bospital early next week. However, the professor repeatedly evaded saying if the Pope has a form of Parkinson's discase, saying neurology was not his field.

The impression left by the controversy over the Pope's health is that, at 76, he is a shadow of the vigorous Polish cardinal who became pontiff 18 years ago and that the struggle to succeed him may venture an opinion. I think the Holy Father should rest more." Professor Crucitti said.

La Repubblica said simply: "The Pope has . . . gone round the world 24 times. He is tired."

The Pope's facial musdes are rigid, he stoops and his left hand trembles violently — all possible symptoms of Parkinson's

Joaquin Navarro Valls, the Vatican spokesman, said that, before his operation, the Pope prayed in the chapel in the papal suite at the Gemelli hospital and said Mass with Stainslaw Dziwisz, his private secretary. When he regained consciousness he greeted his doctors and thanked them.



Crucitti: urged rest

Germany's carnivores turn to soy schnitzels

FROM ROGER BOYES

GERMANS, once the carnivores of Europe, are turning

into vegetarians.

That is official, according to the German Vegan Society yesterday. It calculates that a fifth of the nation now eats little or no meat. Political analysts are wondering if this will have a long-term impact on the electoral prospects of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

The shift in eating habits, which contrasts with Herr Kohl's fabled pig-stomach menus, has been prompted in part by fear of "mad cow" disease, although meat-eating has been in decline since the late 1980s. But vegeterianism marks more than a change of diet. It is the beginning of the end of a national obsession.

No political rally is complete without sausages; no wedding, christening banquet of hams or pork knuckles. Children feel betrayed if their lunch pack does not contain a sandwich with pork or beef dripping. Teenagers fall in love over

beefburgers. The marriage of Gerhard Schroeder, the Lower Saxony prime minister and likely challenger to Herr Kohl in 1998, fell apart partly because his wife was a militant vegetarian. The politician used to have his chauffeur stop at sausage stands on the way to work to catch up with his meat intake. When he started to live with a young carnivorous journalist, public sympathy

swung behind him. Until recently, every man, woman and child in Germany consumed 56lb of sausages a year. Now, however, Germans are searching for interesting ways of eating Brussels sprouts and broccoli. The biggest growth is in part-time vegetarianism, dropping meat consumption to once or twice a

People aged under 39 bought a third less meat last year than in the year before. Hareico, a well known sausage and meat manufacturer. has added soy sausages and soy nuggets to its range. Karl-Georg Ferber, the product manager, said: "I believe in the future of veggie schnitzels

Wines fetch record £2.5m at US auction

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

\$3.96 million (£2.55 million) at a New York wine auction, including \$81,700 for a case of 1945 Chateau Mouton-Roth-

wine auction was \$2.4 million at Christie's in London in 1994. Fritz Hatton. for Christie's, said: "The enormous scope of this sale proves how demand for great wine currently exceeds supply."

Mr Hatton, who recently tasted some of the 1945 Mouton-Rothschild, described it as "something beyond wine very rich, with a bouquet that hovers a foot above the glass". It was not known if the anonymous buyer would be drinking his purchase, which Bordeaux".

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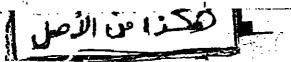
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French chemical firm is linked to Holocaust gas

A FRENCH chemicals company may have played a role in the manufacture of poison gas used to murder millions of Jews in Nazi death camps, according to a French historian who says that her findings have been censored by a government-backed history

The disclosures and the allegations of censorship have provoked a fresh dispute over Franco-German collaboration under the Nazi occupation. In April 1994, Annie Lacruix-Riz, Professor of Modern History at the University of Toulouse, submitted an article to Etudes et Documents, a history journal published under the aegis of the Finance and Economics Ministry, in which she out-lined possible links between the French chemical group Ugine and the manufacture of Zyklon B gas used in the Holocaust.

In her study, which the journal refused to publish, Mme Lacroix-Riz cited Ugine's role in the creation of a "mixed" Franco-German company. Durferrit-Sofumi. which earned huge profits by



Lacroix-Riz under threat

manulacturing "insecticide", supposedly for killing vermin. between 1941 and 1943.

The company was 49 per cent-owned by Degesch, a German company specialising in "pest control", which was itself 42 per cent-owned hy the IG Farben group, the German maker and distribu-tor of Zyklon B. In two years, in the midst of the Holocaust, the funds of Durferrit-Sofumi grew 15-fold. "Did Ugine, via Durferrit-Solumi and its German guardian Degesch, pro-

duce huge quantities of Zyklon B in France to capture a part of the market in death?"

L'Humanité asked yesterday.

Claims that the truth of the

affair is being hushed up are threatening to turn an historical inquiry into a full-blown political scandul. Documents et Etudes took nine months to say that it would not publish Mme Lacroix-Riz's study. The historian Maurice Levy-Leboyer, a member of the committee for the economic and financial history of France, said the decision was justified because publishing such a study was a "risk". Marie-Ange Sanparelli, co-ordinator of the journal's governing committee, told Le "Every article is submitted before publication to a commission. With regard to the article in question, we received six unlavourable opinions.

L'Humanité condemned the journal's decision as an act of deliberate censorship and Sonia Combe, the historian and author of Archives Interdites (Forbidden Archives), said: We remain in a culture of

state secrecy." In her article Mme Lacroix-Riz traced "the creation of numerous mixed companies involving French industries or banks and German groups financing the that such agreements were made with the directors of Rhône-Poulenc and Crédit Ly-

France has been notoriously mwilling to open its archives to full investigation, but Mme Lacroix-Riz, a member of the Communist Party and an ex-pert on French financial col-laboration with the Nazis, was allowed access to many hitherto scaled documents as well as to British, German and American sources. Mme Lacroix-Riz said yesterday: "One of my censors said that the archive must not be put to bad use." She decided to make public

her findings and the journal's rejection after receiving anonymous and threatening letters. One was addressed to Annie Lacroix-Riz, "who wants to make us believe that the supposed gas chambers are not a Hollywood lie".



Dr Dirk Sündrahm with some of the Wettin treasure yesterday. "It is a sensational find," he said. "I feel as if I have been struck by lightning

Treasure-hunter finds gold saved from Red Army

GERMANY'S amateur treasure-hunters were in a state of excitement yesterday after officials unveiled a hoard of gold and silver hidden 50 years ago from Red Army looters. The treasure, swathed in oilcloth and

buried in three crates near a Saxon castle, was discovered by a man with a metal detector. "It is a sensational find." said Dr Dirk Sündrahm. director of the Green Vault treasure chamber in Dresden. I feel as if I have been struck by lightning."

The hoard contains about 150 pieces and includes some exquisite examples of the craft of Saxon goldsmiths. One goblet in the shape of a Moor's head is attributed to Wenzel Jamnitzer, the 16th-century craftsman. Another cup is in the shape of a griffin's claw. Less valuable but still impressive is a 19th-century silver table service and a large collection of rare 19th and 20th-century coins and medals.

The crates were buried in the grounds of Wettin Castle, north of Dresden, in the dying days of the Second World War. The Soviet NKVD, the forerunner of the KGB,had set up trophy units. The one assigned to the Dresden area was led by Major Natalia Sokolova, an art historian. Her unit searched several castles and found Rembrandts, a Titian and a Raphael, as well as tonnes of jewellery and gold pieces. The Red Army found most of the Wettin Castle hoard, but the treasure-hunter who found the three remaining crates may be in for a disappointment: he was searching without the requisite licence.

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Russia plans new tax to bail out mutinous army FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW RUSSIA said yesterday that it was planning a new "army tax" in an effort to fund its crumbling armed forces and prevent a threatened mutiny

by disgruntled soldiers. In a speech to the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, said that plans were under way to impose the new levy to help pay off the huge defence debt.

The Government owes more than six thousand billion roubles (£708 million) to the military, and hundreds of thousands of demoralised soldiers and officers have not been paid for months.

"The Government is taking measures to stabilise the situation," said Mr Chemomyrdin, who discussed the matter at length with President Yeltsin at his sanatorium outside Moscow. "A government commission on funding national defence, law enforcement activities and state security is being set up and a schedule of payment of military arrears is being prepared."

Hardly a week goes by in Russia without the press reporting fresh horror stories from the demoralised military, such as the children of servicemen fainting from hunger, wives protesting at living conditions and numerous accounts of officers resorting to stealing and bribe-taking in

order to feed themselves. General Aleksandr Lebed. the National Security Adviser, predicted last month that unpaid and poorly supplied soldiers in remote areas might mutiny this autumn unless fresh funding was found. Last

week General Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, said Russia could lose its ability to defend itself unless urgent steps were taken.

"People will just stop going to work." he said. "Instead they will start making money or selling what they guard things like ammunition depots. I understand the West's alarm when uncontrollable processes begin in a country like Russia with its huge arsenals of strategic wea-

One of the biggest casualties of the military crisis is the plan to reduce the 1.5-million strong conscript army and turn it into a professional force by the end the century. General Rodionov and Yuri Baturin. the security expert in charge of army reform, have issued a warning that the changes cannot be completed by 2005.

Concordski back on track

Moscow: The Concordski, a supersonic passenger jet mothballed since the 1970s, is coming out of retirement. The Tupolev 144D, a revamped version of the needlenosed Tul44, will begin a series of Nasa high-speed flight experiments this month, aimed at developing supersonic civil transport.

The refurbished model can carry up to 300 passengers and is capable of travelling at almost two and a half times the speed of sound. The American space agency is a partner in the venture. (AP)

Belgian child murder hunt focuses on mine

FROM LEYLA LINTON IN BRUSSELS

bodies in the paedophile mur-der scandal have found a suspicious wooden beam concealing stonework in an abandoned mineshaft in the Jumet suburb of Charleroi. Digging in the mine began

last Friday and was contin-uing last night after Marc Dutroux, the main suspect. had told police they would find something "interesting" there. On the two previous occasions when Mr Dutroux used that description, girls' bodies were found. Police are hunting for at least seven other children.

The 2ft by 19in beam found by police is made of an exotic wood not normally used in

POLICE searching for more mines. Thirteen people have been charged in the case. including Mr Dutroux's wife and two senior policemen.

Belgium's highest court is today expected to rule on an application by Julien Pierre. Mr Dutroux's lawyer, for Jean-Marc Connerotte, an investigating magistrate, to be removed from the case for accepting a free meal from the support group for the parents of missing children.

☐ Dinant: Leon Triffaux, 64, with a record of child sex abuse since 1948, was jailed for eight years in Dinant. southern Belgium, yesterday for abusing two young girls

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Afghan warlord halts advance of Taleban forces

FIGHTING broke out for the first time last night between the Taleban Islamic militia and the forces of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord who controls six northern Aighan provinces. There were reports that one city controlled by the Taleban might have fallen.

This means Taleban, already thinly spread, is battling on two fronts. Its spectacular military advance seems finally to have been halted.

There seems some possibility of a military link-up be-tween General Dostum's 20,000 men and the forces of the old Kabul Government ousted by Taleban nearly two weeks ago. Burhanuddin Rabbani, the former President, who fled north as the invaders closed in, has met the general in the northern city of Mazar-e Sharif. The two men, former enemies, hugged publicly.

Taleban is continuing its assault on the vanquished government forces, who have retreated to their Panjshir Valley base. A few miles away. at the Salang Pass. Taleban troops were confronted by

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Christopher Thomas writes from Kabul that the Taleban militia, already thinly spread, is battling on two fronts

terday south of the strategic Salang tunnel, the gateway from the north to the south. A combined assault against Taleban could drive the fighters back to Kabul, which could conceivably fall if the two sides linked up. Reports last night suggested that the city of Jabal os Siraj, a few miles south of the Salang tunnel, could have fallen to the warlord's forces. This would be a serious blow to Taleban, which has used the city as a base for its troops. The loss of Jabal os Siraj would cut off the supply lines to its forces in the Panjshir, forcing them to withdraw.

General Dostum's forces yes-

The tunnel is firmly under General Dostum's control and he has massive troop deployments at its northern mouth to stop Taleban breaking through. Last week he estab-

lished a small presence south of the tunnel, which sat uneasily alongside heavy concentrations of Taleban, who insisted in negotiations that he must give up control of the north and allow Afghanistan to be united. Taleban commanders boasted that unless he laid down his weapons he would be attacked. He has now preempted Taleban and late last night it appeared that fighting was intense. The general has huge re-

sources, including fighter planes and long-range weapons. He is hated by Taleban because he was a commander in the former Communist regime, ousted by Americanbacked Mujahidin in April. 1992. He has a reputation for brutality. General Dostum may merely be trying to clear the area south of the Salang



tunnel to secure his northern bases. The Salang highway. connects Kabul to Dostum's headquarters in the northern city of Mazar-e Sha-rif, is a vital all-weather road. With snow already falling in the north, control of the road - and especially the tunnel -

Mr Rabbani said in a satellite telephone interview with Iranian television that he was rallying forces to try to drive the Taleban out of the north. This latest twist of events ensures that war will continue in Afghanistan, which has not seen peace for 17 years. The assault on the Panjshir Valley.

intense for the first few days after it started last Saturday. now seems almost lackadaisi cal, perhaps reflecting Taleban's growing fear that it is overstretched.

The forces of General Ahmed Shah Masood, military chief of the ousted regime, have started wearing old East German winter military uniforms, bought cheaply on the open market, giving them a

distinct advantage over the ill-equipped Taleban enemy as the temperature plunges. Artillery bombardment can continue throughout the winter. but Taleban will be hard-pressed to sustain the kind of

infantry operation that would be necessary to overwhelm the Panjshir when there are several feet of snow.

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Mr Rabbani has been trying to set up a meeting with General Dostum. They have spoken on their satellite telephones and envoys from both sides have had direct talks.

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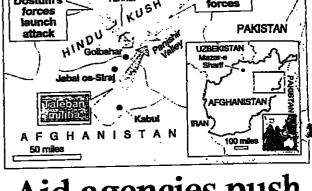
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Aid agencies push mullahs to relax policy on women

By Christopher Thomas

INTERNATIONAL aid agencies in Afghanistan warned the Taleban Islamic regime yesterday to relax its severe restrictions on women, which have disrupted humanitarian work and halted crucial aid projects. Afghanistan is now probably the world's poorest country, with-

The hostility of aid organisations to Taleban has stunned its six-man ruling shura (council), made up of hardline mullahs who have closed girls' schools and ordered women to stay at home except when shopping. The council has also been shaken by a warning from America that Taleban cannot expect to receive international recognition or foreign aid while it continues its extremist

policies against women. Oxfam, the British aid organisation, has suspended its Kabul operations until women are allowed to work. As a last resort Oxfam would withdraw from the capital.

"Women would like to fight this but they are not confident enough to go on the streets." Sue Emmott, Oxfam's country representative, said. "They will not accept this. They are

very angry." Aid agencies yesterday met Mullah Muhammad Ghous. Taleban's acting Foreign Minister, to submit a joint request for women to be allowed to work. He appealed to them not to force Afghanistan to adopt ways of life that were "contrary to our national traditions".

During the private. 90minute meeting he declared that on his visits to the West he had been saddened by the sight of women who worked in hotels. They had seemed tired. At home, he went on.

men looked after their women property. He found it astonishing that the West could accuse Afghanistan of dis-

criminating against them. His remarks left the aid workers agog. However, he did promise to raise the issue of women's rights at a full meeting of the shura.

Mullah Ghous went on to say that Taleban planned in due course to remove its troops from Kabul and put police in charge. Until the soldiers were moved it was safer for women to remain at home. He went on to insist that Taleban favoured educa-

tion for both women and men. International pressure on the mullahs to modify their hardline policies towards women is intensifying. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, issued a warning that there could be "serious repercusmight halt relief programmes unless women were allowed to work. This is difficult ground for the UN, which works with hardline Islamic regimes in the Middle East and Africa.

Care, which receives sub stantial British aid, has suspended half its programmes. including a sanitation and hygiene programme for women, because it no longer has any Afghan female employees to work with them.

Taleban has agreed to me foreign aid agencies again in a week to give its response. The mullahs who now rust most of Afghanistan are unaccustomed to Kabul's comparatively liberal traditions and appear surprised at public resistance to a system that is normal in the countryside.

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Turkish leader flies into new controversy

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

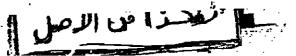
TURKEY'S Islamist Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, yesterday met General Sani Abacha, the military ruler of Nigeria, on the last stop of a controversial tour of pariah nations that has outraged Turkey's Western allies and many Turkish politicians.

Mr Erbakan arrived from Libya after a disastrous visit that ended in sharp criticism by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Turkey's policy towards the Kurds. Mr Erbakan said Turkey would step up its imports of Nigerian liquified natural gas. He took four ministers with him to discuss a draft protocol to boost Turk-

ish trade, exchanges and tour-

ism with Nigeria. Mr Erbakan's visit to Nige ria, with its large Muslim population, follows another controversial visit, to Iran which, like Libya, is subject 10 American sanctions. Nigeria has been suspended from the Commonwealth because of its poor record on human rights and democracy. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, on Monday soul support from the Commonwealth for sanctions on

Mr Erbakan's visits have led to calls in Turkey for his



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Bus conductor is · guide on Peking's route to reform

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA'S leaders have enlisted the help of a Peking bus conductor to boost their drive for "spiritual civilisation". The Communist Party cen-

tral committee has begun a key meeting behind closed doors to codify the new creed in an effort to fill an ideological vacuum left by economic reforms and the abandonment of socialist values.

The ideas are embodied by Li Shuli, a bus conductor on Peking's route 21, who is heing held up as an example

There is nothing spiritual about "spiritual civilisation" in a state run by an officially atheist party. However, they are the watchwords of Jiang Zemin, 70, the President and party boss and de facto ruler of China, who wants to solidify his position as heir to Deng Xiaoping, 92, the ailing paramount leader who has not been seen publicly for more than two years.

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A crackdown on religion has been taking place as the spiritual civilisation drive gets under way. In the days leading up to the annual plenum of the party elite, the People's Daily, the party's

flagship, and other newspa pers have been using an old Maoist tactic to try to win peoples' hearts and minds: that of singing the praises of supposed model workers like Miss Li. dedicated plumbers. selfless well-diggers and model tax collectors.

The aim is to make a more civilised, responsible China." one Chinese official says.

The trouble is, China is now a society where Peking taxi-drivers listen to country and western music in their cabs and where the elite send their children to Western universities. It is a land of cellular telephones, computers, karaoke, sex for sale, corruption, crime, and worship of money. "Chinese are growing up."

said a Western envoy. "Model workers were fine for the 60s. Now people just laugh up

Most of all, they snigger at Miss Li, who is said to get up at 4am each day to study Peking bus routes so she can smilingly help bamboozled passengers. Unfortunately, as everybody here knows. Peking clippies are models of gruff bullying and shrill yelling at

Not that a more civilised China would not be welcome: a foreign diner who entered the lavatories at a popular Chinese restaurant here on Monday found a chef urinat-

ing in the hand basin.

The plenum will approve a document on "building a spiritual civilisation", detailing its aim of creating not just a richer Chinese citizen but a new man, better morally and stronger spiritually, and in a cleaner, safer and quieter



Japanese election bandwagon gets under way

Tokyo: On the first day of Japan's election campaign Ryutaro Hashi-moto, the Prime Minister, yesterday promised to reinvigorate the economy and trim a bloated bureaucracy if his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is returned to power on October 20

Opinion polls show that the LDP.

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the largest of three parties in the ruling coalition, has the highest level of support, with a clear lead over the Shinshinto, the biggest opposition group. But it appears unlikely that the Liberal Democrats can muster the 251 seats required for an absolute majority. And while he is riding high nationally. Mr Hashimoto might suf-

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Mr Hashimoto and a former Agriculture Minister. Mutsuki Kato, who is running under the banner of the opposition Shinshinto.

You may feel it is unthinkable for the Prime Minister to be defeated," Mr Hashimoto's brother, Daijiro, told supporters. "But the unthinkable can happen with this new system."

NEWS IN BRIEF Kiss of life thwarts suicide

Madrid: A Spanish ambulance worker yesterday lured nan back from the brink of a Ressy suicide by giving him the kind of kiss of life not found in medical manuals

(Tunku Varadarajan writes). Carmen Montiel tried for more than an hour to talk a young man from throwing himself off a city viaduct. When all her efforts appeared to have failed she said: "If you have to jump, won't you kiss me before you go?" As he leant over to kiss her, she pulled him from the edge.

UN cuts jobs

Geneva: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has decided to shed 250 posts at its headquarters here and to stop recruiting people outside the agency in a costcutting drive. (AFP)

Rebels kill nine

Muslim guerrillas attacked a bus killing nine people in the southern Algerian town of Keer el-Hirane. In a separate in dent, a teenager was killed in a grenade attack on a school. (Reuter)

Pupil shot dead

Brussels: A 15-year-old burst into his school classroom in Brussels and shot dead a 14year-old classmate with an automatic pistol after the two had an argument in the playground. (Reuter)

Guerrillas defect

Battambang: Hundreds of hardline Khmer Rouge guerrillas have agreed to join Cambodian government forces in another blow to the weakening Maoist faction led by Pol Pot. (Reuter)

Chinese rearrest pro-Tibet dissident

THE veteran pro-democracy activist and literary critic Liu for press freedom and Chinese government talks with the Dalai Lama of Tibet, was detained yesterday after police ransacked his home and confiscated documents, family members said.

"They turned the place upside down and took every-thing," one relative said, adding that the police, who had a search warrants, had carried away books, photographs, documents and articles Mr Liu had written.

They gave no reason for the detention of Mr Liu, who gained prominence during the 1989 student-led pro-democracy movement that was violently suppressed by the army in Tiananmen Square.

Mr Liu was held by the police last year after orchestrating several outspoken petitions to parliament by groups of dissidents and intellectuals. He was held for more than seven months without charge until being released last January. In recent months he had sent open letters to the Government demanding press freedom and calling for talks with the Dalai Lama, who is accused by Peking of being a "splittist

of the motherland". Relatives said that the police did not say when Mr Liu might be released. ☐ Bonn: The sister of Wei Jingsheng, the jailed Chinese dissident, has asked President Herzog of Germany to intercede for his release before a planned visit to Peking next month. Wei Shanshan, who lives in Germany, said she was not sure her brother would survive another winter in prison. (AFP)

Bermuda stands by to sepel illegal migrants

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

BERMUDA'S military force has been put on standby for the first time in ten years after a cargo ship packed with Chinese migrants hit trouble

The Canton-registered Xing Da. carrying suspected would-be illegal immigrants to America, was towed to Bermuda after her engine failed 140 miles west of the British dependent territory.

Waiting ashore, boots polished and muscles flexed, were (00) members of the Bermuda Regiment, delighted to have been called to arms by their commander-in-chief and Gov-ernor. Lord Waddington, Home Secretary in the final

Thatcher government. The 600-strong part-time regiment's last taste of action



was in 1987, when its infantry joined in the clean-up after Hurricane Emily.

Its mission yesterday was to ensure that none of the Chinese disembarked from the ship, which berthed at the sheltered Murray's Anchorage two miles offshore. The ship was towed to Bermuda waters by a US Coast Guard cutter, after her engineers failed to restart the vessel's engines. When a seasonal low front whipped up dangerous seas, it was decided to seek

There were reports of undisciplined behaviour aboard the 221ft Xing Da and a plot by some of the 26 crew, who were said to include Triad gang members, to scuttle the ship. The 83 passengers had suffered a storm-tossed few days, but the men of the Bermuda Regiment, steadfast in their trademark short trousers, were there to ensure none

made it to land. A one-mile no-go area around the Xing Da was enforced by Bermuda government patrol boats and it was made claer that if the passengers had to go ashore because of the weather, they would immediately be flown off the

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Sheer summer luxury



JOHN RICHMOND: tie belt



LAUREL: single button Photographs by CHRIS MOORE/ANDREW THOMAS



DOLCE & GABBANA: revealing filmy dresses

nine. Frills, flesh-pink founda-tion colours and flapper dress-

es were universal, as were roses and ruffles, but what of

the question posed by the

young woman beside me?

Well, if you buy just one new

item of clothing next season it

had better be a white trouser

suit. Almost every designer had one in their collection, and the new fluid silhouette fitted

perfectly with the feminine

The trouser suit came in

white linen at Genny while

Gianfranco Ferre showed sev-

eral styles, the best in white

piqué cotton. John Richmond's was buttonless with a tie belt.

Single-button jackets were

popular with Laurél and Anna

Molinari. Alternatively Maruccia Mandelli at Krizia

favoured a double-breasted

version. Lawrence Steele pre-

sented a longer-line jacket

with hidden buttons, and Jil

y the fourth day of Milan Fashion Week, which ended

on Sunday evening.

the woman sitting next to me looked a little perplexed. "Just what am I supposed to wear next summer?" she asked.

The models parading on the

catwalk in front of us at the

Dolce & Gabbana show were

dressed in perfectly pretty

dresses made from layers of

chiffon with waistlines raised

to under the bosom. They were sometimes patterned with ivy

leaves, sometimes covered

with leopard print, but what-

ever the look they were invariably filmy enough to reveal the underwear: big knickers were

a big trend in Italy this season.

have been rubbing its hands together in glee as such glam-

orous little nothings turned up on practically all the catwalks

This was fashion at its most

directional, sign-posting the

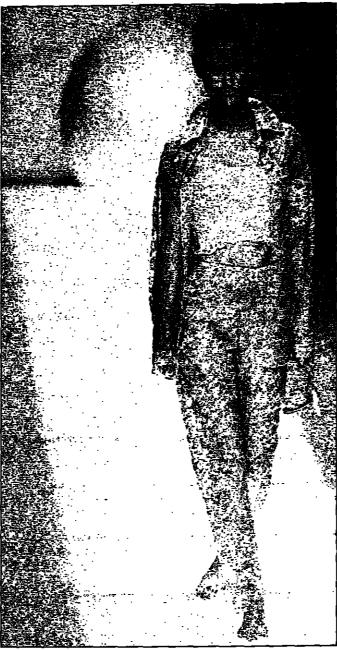
overriding mood of the season:

the future (or at least next

summer) looks decidedly femi-

in Milan.

The lingerie industry must



GIORGIO ARMANI: featherweight beadwork

Fashion

journalist of

the year

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Sander remained true to her

minimalist ethos — her trou-ser suit was altogether devoid

Giorgio Armani cut a trou-

outline. The Sportmax show

featured an abbreviated A-line

iacket (with bracelet length

couture find from the Fifties. This nostalgic feeling was

Not everyone followed suit.

The only things white at

Missoni were the pristine T-

shirt and matching knickers

which opened the otherwise crazy colour-filled show. Tai

and Rosita Missoni's zigzag knits still looked fresh, now

coloured golden browns and baby blues, lilac, wine and

jade. For evening, little knitted bikini tops and long split

skirts were covered with a

Tom Ford at Gucci certainly

likes women to look shiny, from their wet-look hair to

their faces sprinkled with star-

dust. Narrow trousers were

split at the ankle (a little

young) and skirts split high on

the thigh (a little tarty). Ford

glossy coat of clear sequins.

extremely popular.

of any kind of fastenings.





GIANNI VERSACE: frills

The Milan catwalks hosted a flimsy parade of fragile see-through glamour for summer '97

> a strapless dress, baggy around the waistline yet snug across the bottom. He also showed ultrafine knits, gorgeous suede, lurex and velvet in sombre shades of chocolate, navy, dark emerald, ruby and silver grey. However, the image is starting to look a touch ghties Eurotrash.

Jil Sander's silhouette was similar to Ford's. Her strapless dress came in black, while navy blue sweaters tucked into A-line wrap skirts. She showed creamy knits, buff suede and tan leather (punched with tiny holes) mixed with unusual stabs of colour — a long raspberry pink chiffon dress under an ivory jacket; a Gitanes-blue back-belted dress; and red turned-up trousers under a black see-through dress. Best of all was a white crumpled Tshirt tucked into silvery white

ser suit for his Emporio line in jumbo bag trousers. fluid white jersey, while at MaxMara the look was more rada made a pretty show with (still) lots structured with a top-stitched of lingerie-look dresses, but newer was the mix of crisp military tailoring sleeves) in white on white in buff and navy blue with sumptuous Chinoiserie brocade which looked like a

Mao-collared jackets and calf-length wrap skirts.
The Orient was an inspiration for everyone. At Dolce & Gabbana Wedgwood blue willow-patterned silk was cut into ankle-length wrap skirts and sexy dresses. These were worn with leopard print and more roses. Sportmax continued the East meets West theme with patterned kimono coats worn with flowery wrap skirts. while simple one-shouldered jersey tops were shown alongsheer dresses covered with cherry blossom. Even though Sportmax is essentially a mid-market line it was put

together with such style that it worked better than some of its more directional counterparts. Both Gianni Versace and Giorgio Armani embraced the spirit of the moment and made

it look effortless. At Versace frills looked utterly wearable cut in lilac, grey and black jersey, while see-through dresses were heavily patterned and appliqued with colourful flowers to make them decent. A little grey and pink jersey dress with a fluted hemline captured the essence of the season without any fuss.

gio Armani used feathercontinued to perfect his softer than-soft tailoring, but it was the finale of flesh-coloured, diaphanous dresses (often teamed with trousers, giving them an Eastern feel). exquisitely beaded with trailing ing. It seems Armani can make even a dress weighed down with tens of thousands of beads look positively fragile. But there was still one show

in Milan where everything the frills, the lace, the seethrough fabrics and pallid colour palette - fitted into place. Alberta Ferretti's main-line collection was the best example this season of how fashion can (and should) be directional and wearable simultaneously. By adding a black slip and black opaque tights under her pretty nothing dresses. Ferretti didn't need the big knickers.

The look was Empress Josephine meets Gwyneth Paltrow with a touch of Madame Butterfly thrown in for good measure - an empire-line shift worn under a suede jacket, delicate yet decidedly modern. A kimono wrap dress looked easy in creamy matt silk. Little white fine cotton sundresses were a patchwork of panels, while a series of black organza tie-front dresses with cut-out flowers stitched around the dipping hemline were simply divine.

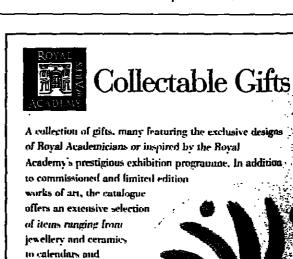
In fact, Ferretti's collection was so desirable that my female companion turned to me at the end of the show and said: "I want to wear everything. Roll on 1997 for a summer of sheer luxury.



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Fashion, food and the health police

Our growing obsession with a healthy diet can actually get in the way of eating well

henever." to misquote Goering on all counts, "I hear people talking of health, I reach for my gin.

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More people live in better health and for longer than ever before and yet we are fixated upon our every piffling complaint. Much as I'd like, I can't profess to be immune either: I. too, am drawn, despite myself, to Dr Thomas Stuttaford's every utterance. But, if the way the ever-increasing space that these utterances fill is anything to go by, the health fixation is a more or less universal syndrome. Normally, it is seen as a symptom of this supposed Age of Anxiety, but really it is no more than self-obsession, a way of focusing on ourselves and snatching the high moral ground at the same smug time. Health is seen now as the greatest good, the highest intake, since they dollop virtue, and those who aspire

to it are the new pilgrims. There is a germ of truth underpinning this faith, as the cliché testifies: as long as you've got your health ... and so forth. It may be true that hypochondriacs - and that's what we all are now preserve their health by their constant worrying, but the very preoccupation can become a malaise in itself. And quite the worst, certainly the most corrosive, offshoot of all this is a neurotically freighted obsession with eating. which entails the demonisation of some foodstuffs and the glorification of others. No one dares to write a cookbook now without having some blurb or preface extolling the healthiness of the diet therein expounded.

Sometimes it's just dishonesty, of course. We claim to be eating something because it's healthy, but really we do so because we like the taste of it. And that's how it should be. The reason is nobler than the lie. The consuming passion we have for all things north Italian is passed off as concern for health but it is iust, commendably, greed. And I think it stems, too. from a certain sort of national insecurity. In this re-Which? report, which castigates us for disparaging our home-grown food, is quite right. There is something rather suspect about our crusading enthusiasm for the cuisines of other countries and our failure to value our own culinary heritage. We are beginning to do that, it's true, but if we are lucky to live in an age ushered in by Elizabeth David, it is also true that her glorification of

all things Mediterranean is

Health Which? is right to point out that British food is not necessarily any less healthy than the much-touted Mediterranean diet. The magazine blames fashion for leading the way to our own culinary self-deprecation. but fashion influences no less its own beliefs as to what is or is not healthy. Not so long ago butter, eggs. milk, red meat, the excellent produce of British farms, were held to be the tenets of the healthy diet. Now animal fats and flesh have been vilified and unsaturated fats sanctified: olive oil is become some sort of holy ointment. And yet a recent report found that the people of southwest France have the lowest incidence of heart disease in Europe and the highest fat



Nigella Lawson

goose fat on to just about everything they eat. It has also been discovered that pregnant women who ate meat had healthier, more intelligent babies than their supposedly dietetically supe-

rior vegetarian counterparts. There is obviously a relationship between diet and health, but I don't believe it is a straightforward one. Take the fact that women in the West have a one in 12 chance while the percentage among women in Japan is one in 60. The Japanese diet itself (very low in saturated fat, high in soya, very little meat and a great deal of fish) obviously plays a part, but it doesn't guarantee health: the Japanese have an extremely high

rate of stomach cancer. There do seem to be diseases to which certain nations, certain peoples are

prone. The Germans, for

The endless and obviously futile quest to find a diet that will confer immortality should be abandoned: the real rule to follow, as far as food is concerned, is to eat well. It's not British meat that is bad for us, but the way it has been produced in this country: the obsession with leanness together with the obsession for cheapness has all but guaranteed lousy, and potentially lethal, meat. Pigs are intensively reared and bred to produce lean meat, when everyone knows that it is in fat that the flavour of meat resides. And pigs kept in factory conditions rather than being left to scuttle about outside don't acquire a good tough hide — and that is why you can't get good crackling now. And we all know where the mistreating

of beef cattle led us.

The thing that would improve our national diet spectacularly — forget about what is currently thought healthier or not - would be if we all concerned ourselves rather more with the conditions in which our food was produced. It is a most point, Health Which? that finds for British food, there is also a report stating that several samples of pre-packaged ham from the UK were tested and discovered to be infected with listeria, and even the uninfected samples were pumped up with water. This is the sort of food that is had for us, not butter and properly reared beef. And I don't scoff at the idea of a deep-fried Mars bar in batter, either. In fact, I'd love to try one. It is a boring thing to say, but true nonetheless, that moderation in some things, excess in others is the best diet to follow.

n The Road to Wigan Pier, George Orwell L pointed out that an appetite for healthy food was the province of the rich. This is not just because healthier food is always more expensive, but because those who live barder lives rely on the fat and sugar. In an age of unemployment the poor still lead the hardest lives, only the calories needed to fuel lives of enforced leisure (and that goes for all of us) are fewer and that's what makes us, as a nation, become fatter. That has changed, but for the rest, what has? Health is still the concern of those more likely to be well, and diet the focus of those who

Day three: After a 15-year apprenticeship Bacon finds his voice





Two panels from Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion, which glower with the memory of injury and the prophecy of evil

period of intense germination for Bacon. Because of his chronic asthma, he was pronounced unfit for active service. The artist nevertheless was acutely sensitive to the suffering he saw around him. The unfulfilled artist in Bacon, who was now in his early thirties, was forced to think in terms of the

images he wanted to paint. He started with Figure Getting out of a Car. The painting shows a fowl-like, fleshy creature laying its long, bandaged, penis-like neck on a pile of ammunition, which is also unmistakably phallic-looking. The neck ends in a pair of meticulously painted teeth, bared in a snart; and the whole spectre uncoils out of an open car drawn from one the artist had seen in a news photograph of Hitler's arrival at a Nuremberg rally. This impressively aggressive image, which was probably painted in 1939-10, was recorded by Peter Rose Pulham, a photographer of the period and a friend of Bacon's, in the artist's studio in 1946; shortly thereafter, Bacon repainted the canvas almost entirely, so that everything but the bared teeth of the biomorph vanishes beneath a mass of vegetation. more or less intact, and the new version, with its toned-

entitled Landscape with Car. The snarling, bandaged "penis dentata" of the original image directly predicts the middle panel of the Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion, the work that announced resoundingly Bacon's definitive entry into the art world. Similarly, a Study for a Figure, painted later in the war, that belongs to the "abandoned" canon of Bacon's works, clearly foreshadows the left-hand panel of the triptych in its crouched position, its outstretched head and

down but more insidious at-

mosphere of threat, was

The work grew out of a visual culture and emotional

urgency

the great, diagonal, upward sweep — whether of flesh or fabric - from which it juts. A abandoned image, sketched out in oil on composition board during the Petersfield interlude, consists of little more than a head, its upper half shadowed by a peaked cap, its lower split into a scream. Floating over a mess of random marks and such vestigial forms as a ghostly sketch of a hand, the mouth acts as a precisely defined exit for the inchoateness of the picture. The outpouring from this dark orifice neatly rimmed round with teeth conveys a specific threat, since it was clearly inspired in part by photographs of the Nazi war leaders. One likely source for the unfinished Petersfield image was a Picture Post snap-shot of Goebbels, his mouth wide open in full public harangue, that Bacon kept in his studio for years. Hindsight undoubtedly helps to disentangle the many

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TOMORROW

Francis Bacon falls in love for the first time

The howl of an iconoclast



making of Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion. Yet even now, a half-century later, nothing really prepares the viewer for the triptych's rawness, as it glowers from the mid-century with the memory of injury and the prophecy of more evil to come. What sets the Three Studies apart is its scale and its deliberateness. The searchings of 15 years' sporadic apprenticeship come to a dramatic conclusion. It is as if, freed from self-doubt and inhi-

bition, the artist had been goaded into making a statement of exacerbated authority. If Bacon may be said to have found his own voice in these panels, it is the scream of his open-mouthed monster on the right. But the basic questions continue to return, after decades of attempted interpretation. What does this howl mean? How did these ungainly, menacing figures come about? What gives the whole triptych, with its roughly de-lineated space and suffused orange background, its power

as an emblem of brute suffering, ravening greed and Despite the rawness, and for all the artist's lack of formal

education, the work grew out of a highly developed visual and literary culture as well as out of emotional urgency. The most important source for this picture, as for those that led up to it, was Picasso. In 1938, at the London Gallery, there had been an exhibition of drawings and collages by Picasso that Bacon would have

October of that year, Guernica went on show at the New Burlington Galleries. Bacon single-minded concentration he had given to the older artist's biomorphic period. In a sense, the Three Studies was his Guernica, a savage outburst and a decisive statement, albeit not provoked by any specific event or linked to any Shaky and intermittent as

his first efforts as a painter had been, Bacon now experienced with great gusto the world opening up around him. In a series of inspired accidents, his Painting 1946 was about to materialise, confirming his presence as a disturbing iconoclast in the mildmannered English art world. Bacon was to follow this with a series of Heads, brought together in a one-man show in 1949, that were to establish his mastery of oil paint and his uncanny ability to provoke chance effects within the infinitely malleable medium. The following year, he rounded off the period with a Fragment of a Crucifixion, which showed that his power to shock was in no way diminished by an increasingly sophisticated

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Why I am a monetary agnostic

There is more to Europe than

the euro, says Douglas Hurd

The angriest arguments it is to our advantage to in politics often take remain fully involved in the place within parties. Arplace within parties. Arguments between parties can be resolved by a general election or a parliamentary vote. Arguments within parties fester unsolved until events make them irrelevant. Before this happens they create the maximum ill-will and the had arguments that go with bad temper. So it is at present with the Conservative Party over Europe. So it would be with the Labour Party over Europe were it ever elected to government. In opposition, it is easier to disguise dissent; in government, decisions have to be taken and discussion

brought to a head. At the heart of these divisions in both main parties is the proposal for a single currency. The other concerns and opportunities for Britain in Europe tend to be forgotten as the focus narrows and the temperature rises. The feverish nature of our debate on Europe is now seriously un-dermining British influence in

the European Union. When our well-wishers in the rest of Europe read suggestions here that the BSE crisis was invented by continentals to destroy the British beef

industry, or that one of the main aims of the European Court is to deluge Britain in porn, or that Helmut Kohl shares the aims of Adolf Hitler, they sigh and hope for a return to sense by their old British friend. Our

proposals for reform of European institutions British and French Governwill not get a serious hearing if there is a suspicion that we intend not to strengthen but to

cripple them. I have never myself advocated a single European currency. On the economic side there is a crucial unanswered question. It is now likely that the economies of at least seven or eight European countries will converge sufficiently in this century for a political decision to be taken to create the euro. But this dogged effort, including some once-and-for-all devices, will and societies have genuinely and permanently converged. What is the remedy when the strains of divergence show? What at the beginning seems a palace might turn out to be a

My second concern is wider. Currency stability brings huge benefits. But it is drastic to achieve such benefit by abolishing national currencies and so dislocating the nature of millions of daily transactions by our citizens. The wit of man should have devised a means of currency stability without preventing old ladies from shopping in pounds or marks as they have done all their lives. The Cabinet was right last April to promise a referendum if it decided in the next Parliament that it was in

Britain's interests to join. So it is reasonable at this stage to be agnostic about a single currency, and to support the Cabinet's decision to keep open the freedom to join or stay out which the Prime Minister negotiated at Maas-tricht. As he has often argued,

out being committed to the outcome, since we will be powerfully influenced by it whether or not we join. Moreover no one can tell, for example, how much blood we might lose in terms of investment, jobs and the health of our financial sector if we stayed out and the euro succeeded. Some are sure we will suffer, some are sure we will not: nobody knows. The Government's stance is undra-

matic but right.

Meanwhile we are in danger of neglecting the other enterprises in Europe, which Britain strongly supports: enlargement, co-operation in for-eign policy, and completing the single market. Having visited Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic in September, I know the strength of their ambition to join the EU,

and how dangerous to delay their entry indefinitely — par-ticularly if Britain were held responsible for that delay. On foreign policy, it is sometimes supposed that because we cannot agree on everything it is pointless to agree on anything. That must be nonsense. We should make strenuous

efforts to agree the substantial issues. What at such as policy towards Russia, first seems a where there need be no difference bepalace may tween us. Where we can all agree, we turn out a should act in comprison mon, strengthening the machinery for

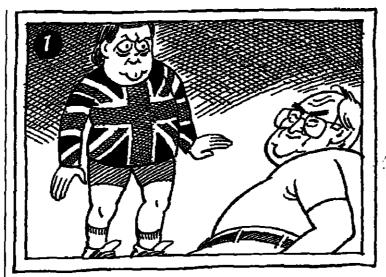
> ments have proposed. In completing the single market - for example in telecommunications, energy and aviation — the Commission is our ally. We should encourage it to move faster. but that means treating it as a friend, not an enemy. The EU is moving away from subsidies and other protective devices - too slowly but in the right direction. Britain, which has already privatised and liberalised under Conservative Governments, stands to benefit greatly from the gradu-

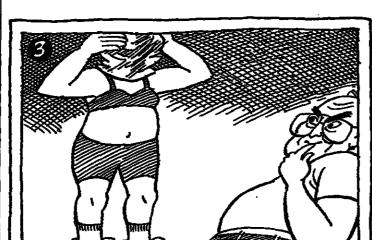
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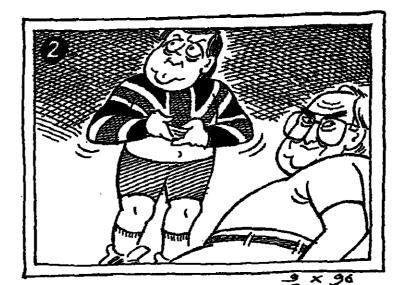
nomehow we have to return to a balanced and total view of British interests in Europe. There is no electoral advantage in picking unnecessary quarrels. We can fight our corner most robustly if our partners understand that we want the partnership to succeed. Only then do our concerns and difficulties carry

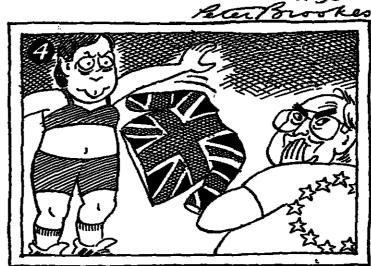
conviction. There is a real danger that for lack of this wide view we shall see the gradual unravelling of the most successful exercise in co-operation which Europe has ever seen. Our concept of an effective European partnership of nations. with the supranational institu-tions needed to police the single market, has greater support among the peoples of Europe than now appears. If we can shake off our own spasms of fear and prejudice we will find the task of persuasion much easier.

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Major can do no other

ohn Major is a good Surrey man. I am sure this week he will be pondering the words of that other son of Surrey, William of Ockham: Frustra fit per plura, quod potest fieri per pauciora. Too many cooks spoil the broth. Stick to the essentials, says Ockham's theorem. Or in the American Marine

translation: "Keep it simple, stupid." Mr Major wishes to win the next election. He has the economy in good shape. The generals in charge of his domestic front are more or less in line. It is too late now to change the command or tear up the order of battle, however poor it looks. All systems are go. Yet still "Europe" lurks round every corner. It blackens every discussion and gatecrashes every party. Europe is Mr Major's dull ache, his ghastly relative. It will

not go away. I have been a sceptic about the Common Market for longer than I can remember. I watched the craven Europhilia of such sceptic converts as Margaret Thatcher, Michael Howard and Norman Lamont as they campaigned for a "Yes to Europe" in the Seventies and voted through every concession to Brussels. Ask me whether I would join the European have just read a million words on the subject, and I still say no. Those wishing a recap should try Christopher Johnson's pro-EMU *in with the Euro: Out with the Pound* (Penguin).
They should then read Patrick Minford's anti-EMU Britain and Europe: the Balance Sheet (New European). Minford is convincing.

Johnson is not. In a nutshell, the economic benefits of a currency union, as opposed to a free-trade union, are trivial or can be achieved by sovereign self-discipline. As Minford argues, monetary union will make rigid the political economies of its member states. The shifts in population or subsidy required to counteract an imbalance in national economies will not be tolerated by member democracies. The system will break, as inter-state currency unions have broken in the past. The 19th-century Latin and Scandinavian currency unions broke, as did the gold standard. Bretton Woods and more recently the exchange-rate mechanism. The law is simple. Market disciplines work until market

disciplines don't work. I sense that the Prime Minister agrees. But that is not the question he has to ask himself. His critics fantaIf the Prime Minister's critics want

him to win, they must back him

sise that if either Sir Edward Heath or Baroness Thatcher were leading the party "we would all know where we stood". This is rubbish. Chief among the plotters who threw out both leaders were those bitterly opposed to their stance on Europe. Margaret Thatcher twisted and contorted and finally capitulated to her foes in her effort to balance her Cabinet. It did her no good. She joined the ERM and lost a Chancellor and Deputy Prime Minister into the bargain.

The Tories, mirroring the British electorate, have always dealt their leader a fiendish hand on Europe. They refuse to con-

template withdrawal from the EU. Britons want to be part of a free-trade area, but one from which they can gain much and to which they contribute little. They are rightly

have other intentions and will move quickly to political union. They therefore want reassurance, and require their leaders, when "in Europe", to be bloody-minded, cantankerous, sceptical and cheeseparing yet always short of withdrawal.

All Tory leaders have found this a tough political challenge. None has emerged unscathed. Margaret Thatcher's acceptance of the Single European Act paved the way for Maastricht. Mr Major and his team were appalled by much of what was in Maastricht, and by the manner of its passage. He negotiated the opt-outs, which now stand to Britain's advantage and leave open the "maybe" on monetary union and the social chapter. I believe he made a mistake in not putting the Maastricht treaty to a referendum. But he has now agreed to put monetary union to a referendum, should he win the election, take leave of his senses and advocate

British membership. The present demands of the Eurosceptics are mystifying. The so-called Referendum Party wanted a referendum when Mr Major was reluctant to concede one. When he did concede, it did not declare victory, but limply mutated its demand into a referen-

dum on a "wider question" about a "European superstate". It has still not written the question, and so not defined its real disagreement with the Tory Cabinet. This seems a flimsy basis on which to found a new political movement, let alone to mount an election campaign that can only help to bring in a Labour government and everything that this new party professes to oppose.

Politics is often daft, but this is idiotic. The question Mr Major has to ask himself is not whether he believes in monetary union but whether it is judicious, with an election in the

offing, to force a decision on his Cabinet and party now. Both main parties are divided. There are probably 50 "pro-EMU" Tory MPs and probably 150 outright "antis", with a roughly proportional split in the

found a compromise last winter which his Cabinet could agree. This was that Britain should "take part in discussions leading to a single currency but should defer final decision until one has to be made". Gallup put precisely this fudge to the public in its pre-conference poll last week. From each of the parties' supporters, espe-cially from Tories, the fudge won most votes.

ometimes fudge is a politi-cian's most valued commodity. On Europe, Mr Major has had to serve it up in some pretty odd dishes, including the pretence in Saturday's Times that the monetary union issue is still not clear and so a decision would be "premature". He was on stronger ground in demanding that we continue to negotiate on "ins and outs", on the stabilisation fund, on enlargement, and, most important, on Britain's response in the event of monetary union going ahead without us. Presumably we will want to give our partners some assurance on central bank co-operation and exchange-rate stability after monetary union. It must make sense to stick with such is no cost to staying at this table. The reason for Mr Major's "maybe" is not a reluctance to make up his mind, but the need to keep the party and Cabinet together into the election. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, will not tolerate an instruction to withdraw from the current talks. The Deputy Prime Minister. Michael Heseltine, and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, would be unhappy too. These are three of the most senior figures in the party. To alienate or even lose the Chancellor and possibly Mr Heseltine, the party's best-known public faces, at this stage of the campaign would be

Mr Major does not have the option that the Euro-sceptics are pressing on him. At every turn - during Maastricht, during the ratification debate, the ERM collapse, the referendum commitment - he has doggedly met his remit, to proceed in Europe with minimum enthusiasm and maximum obstruction. But any party leader has a remit that overrides even this one. It is to respect what is the necessary, if not the sufficient, condition for success at an election, the unity of his Cabinet.

No political task has given Mr ing this unity. Nothing damaged Margaret Thatcher more than her apparent failure to keep her Cabinet colleagues alongside her. With the bizarre exception of John Redwood, Mr Major has succeeded, despite near intolerable pressure from the extremes to drive him off his chosen course of compromise.

A political party is a responsive organism. When its members see a crash ahead - as most Tories now do - they instinctively begin evasive action. They wonder what other driver might extricate them af-terwards. The candidates for this job understandably cannot stop themselves crying "Look at me". Human beings can stand only so much humility, but Mr Major is in this battle for life or death. His critics might want him gone, or want him different, or wish he had never existed. But if they want their party to win, they cannot quarrel with his achievement on Europe. He has held his party in line, ragged, squabbling. nervous, but in a line. In this matter, rather than over devolution or in Ulster, I believe history will grant him the title of statesman. It is the statesmanship of Maybe, and Ockham would have approved.

Electronic security? It's a real steal

used to think I was no more paranoid than the next man. That was before I began thinking about the next man. What does he know about me? What will he do with what he knows, if he does know anything? Tell it to the man next to him? How did he come to know it? And what is it, anyhow?

Alan Coren

You get thoughts like that, when you get letters like this. It arrived a couple of days ago, from a security company. It said it had been sent to me because I was "a person in the public eye". It had read me in its newspapers, it had heard me on its radio, it had seen me on its TV screen. It had done more than that it had gone into my background. It knew my fax number, and my mobile phone number, and my unlisted business number, and it knew. chillingly moreover, that what you are reading now was sent to The Times from my computer via a modem. It told me it knew that to let me know that it was easy to know. And as the result of my now knowing how easy it is to know, I do not know if you are reading this in The Times at all. You may be reading it in Fancy Rat Weekly or the Beijing Beano, for all

I know. For all I know is that, according to the letter, it is a doddle to patch into my modem. As much of a doddle as it is to eavesdrop on any of my phones, read my faxes or hack into my computer. While this should be a worry to anyone, said the letter, it should be a particular worry to me. because I had intellectual property to protect. I have, of course, always known that, but I have never looked upon it in quite that way. Up until now, I have protected my intellectual proper-ty mainly by putting a hat on it when it was raining, because if I caught a cold my intellectual property would not be able to think straight.

ut now, I was given to understand, Fancy Rat Weekly and the Beijing Beano were only two among potential thousands of villains eager to get their hands on my intellectual property, because electronic robbery was not just a matter of nicking 800 unpaid words from my laptop and sticking them into the thief's own publication, or setting them up on an unofficial Web site. or otherwise fencing them for illicit gain via this unspottable medium or that, it was also a 🛵 matter of what the letter described as thought-poaching. Which is to say that if, for example. I rang Steven Spielberg to tell him I had this terrific idea for an underwater musical based on King Lear, when could my people talk to his people, before I had even sent my best wishes to Mrs Spielberg, other people's people would be ringing Andrew Lloyd Webber's people with this terrific idea for an underwater musical based on King Lear. It could cost me millions.

Unless — you guessed? — I had had the nous to commission the sender of the letter to bugproof all my technology, install scramblers, set up intercepts, monitor my every cybernetic move. Such intervention would, it went on slyly, carry the priceless bonus of simultaneously protecting my private life from the public eye in which I allegedly was, leaving me free to - though it did not specify - phone my toe-sucker of choice, wire bribes to biddable MPs, fax instructions to insider traders, and engage in any such other sub rosa shenanigans which the press and the plod might otherwise find even more engaging.

Tone of which interests me. What interests me is that my caring correspondent not only seems to have found out a great deal about me, but that, once hired for a fat fee, he would very soon know everything else. Quis, in short, custodiet? I am an intellectual property owner, now. I look at my phone, thinking: whom dare call? I look at my keyboard. thinking: what dare I type? I look at my fax, thinking: what dare I send? And I look at my letter, thinking: if I invited these freaks to listen in on who and what, I would never thereafter

dare anything at all.
Should I pull all the plugs.
and go back to quill and stamps? Only if I have faith in a thousand postmen. Motorbike messengers? Be serious! Trust friends? Paranoids do not have friends. I tell you, if I had, now, to bring the good news from Chent to Aix, I would spring to the stirrup alone. How well do I know this Dirck? What kind of a

name is Joris?

Wanted man

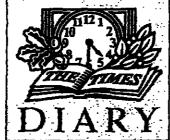
THE JITTERS in the Conservative Party have got to everyone including the media. Yesterday the BBC's Today programme tried to grab physically Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, even while he was being interviewed by their television rivals, Breakfast

Evidence of the unsavoury tussle came for early morning viewers in the form of an arm lunging on screen to grab Dorrell. It was restrained before it could reach the Health Secretary and hoik him out

The arm belonged to a producer of Today, Cathy Packe, who was incensed that Breakfast News was hogging her man; she stormed on the set during the live interview to try to strongarm Dorrell for a radio slot. Pandemonium followed, and Justin Webb. the interviewer, apologised to Dorrell. But while everybody about him was losing his head, Dorrell was a somewhat bemused oasis of calm, "For one moment I felt like a faith healer." he said later. "People were laying hands all over me."

Roger Mosey, the editor of Today, took a less sanguine attitude in a memo which he circulated to his staff yesterday: To be blunt, we usually win on guests and we are the dominant programme in our time-slot. This means we have an obligation to behave decently towards our col-leagues and to build a reputation for co-operation, so I won't tolerate the sort of behaviour which went on in Bournemouth this morning, no matter how great the pressure or provocation. Got that?"



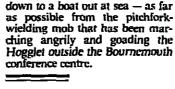


David "Treat Me" Ruffley, the flamboyant Central Office apparatchik and parliamentary candidate, has been irritating people in his prospective constituency, Bury St Edmunds. He insists on referring to it as BSE. Locals are not impressed. He must be mad.

Hogg's head?

DOUGLAS HOGG'S security at the party conference is second only to that of the Prime Minister. After his kidnapping by angry farmers last week. Hogg has been assigned extra-special Special Branch protection. He is accompanied by goons wherever he goes, and his hotel room is a virtual bunker.

Hogg must be relieved that as soon as his conference duties are over he is off to inspect an air-sea rescue unit. He will be winched



Fagin it

THE THEATRE management laid on special arrangements at the Palladium the other night for Michael Jackson, the reorganised popster, who had dropped into see

Jackson took over the Royal Box, but in keeping with his reclusive



Jacko: privacy first

nature, he had insisted beforehand that a hoarding be placed around his seat so that nosey-parkers wouldn't be able to spot him. Extra care was taken to meet

negotiations for the time being. There

his ridiculous demands after rumours spread that he has plans to make a film version of Lionel Bart's musical. In a visionary move, Jackson is said to be considering himself for the juvenile lead. Forever young, heh?

Wood you?

A ROMANTIC dinner with his wife, Serena, at the Savoy last night, on their third wedding anniversary, will have come as a wel-come break for Viscount Linley, whose mother so brusquely returned a bunch of flowers she had been sent by the Duchess

of York. He is in the throes of setting up a business in Yorkshire and has been scouting for talent in the county. With his partner, Mark Whiteley, he is looking for workers for his furniture factory in the former Normanby Territorial Army barracks at Whitby.

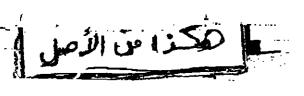
The pair have placed cards in the local jobcentre offering £3-£8 per hour, "depending on age and experience", for craftsmen with knowledge of working with hard woods such as oak, sycamore and walnut.



Duchess: irrelevant

Not for him the TUC's £4.26 minimum wage.

 She may be creating waves elsewhere, but the Duchess of York's giddy behaviour is lost on Profes sor Ben Pimlott, who launched his biography of the Queen this week. "She's a complete irrelevance; of no importance whatsoever," he said. "The average Sun reader knows more than I do about Fergie. Constitutionally, she is completely and utterly meaningless." Constitutionally extravagant too.



TOUGH TRUTHS

The Home Secretary's package deserves support

It is a measure of Michael Howard's political success that the grudging applause and calls for the rope which used to greet the Home Secretary at Conservative Party conferences have been replaced by a genuine enthusiasm. Mr Howard again showed a shrewd sensitivity to Tory concerns yes-terday. Not all his proposals may make it to the statute book before the general election, but the bulk of the legislation promised deserves support.

Mr Howard's speech concentrated on practical remedies for perceived inadequacies in the criminal law but he prefaced his announcements with an assault on relativist attempts to explain away crime by searching for external "causes". He insisted that crime was a matter of individual responsibility and asserted that the best school of virtue was the home. He went on to defend parents' rights to discipline their children. His defence may have won extra decibels with a sideswipe at the European Court of Human Rights but it was no less welcome for that. It is an erosion, not an extension, of rights to prevent parents keeping order in a firm yet humane way.

The Home Secretary's most substantial new policy announcements covered drugs. juvenile crime and sex offences. The proposal to shut any club where a chief police officer had evidence of a serious drug problem should concentrate the minds of owners prepared to acquiesce in dealing and also save police time. Also worthwhile is the proposal to allow youth courts discretion to name convicted offenders. The principle has already been established. Any juvenile whose offence is serious enough to find himself in Crown Court can already be identified. The new power given to magistrates should be used sparingly but the ability to shame juveniles adds to the armoury the courts need to deter them.

Since he asserted at a previous conference

that "prison works". Mr Howard has been attacked by liberals for an over-reliance on incarceration in dealing with crime. His words marked a welcome reversal of years of Home Office orthodoxy which held that the main index of success was not crime figures dropping, but the prison population declining. Mr Howard has ensured that his department's priority is now protecting the public, not making life easier for offenders. But his speech yesterday indicated that he is not a one-club player. His plan to extend the power of the courts to disqualify drivers, like the naming of juveniles in certain circumstances, shows imagination.

The bulk of Mr Howard's proposals for dealing with sexual offences have already been unveiled. Minimum sentences were trailed last year, included in last session's White Paper and will be the centrepiece of the next session's Crime Bill. Measures to tackle paedophilia, including a national register of child sex offenders and a prohibition on paedophiles working with the young, were first floated in a consultation paper this June and it is no surprise but altogther welcome that the Government will

seek to enact them. Perhaps the most problematic new legislation covers stalking. Mr Howard hopes to create a new civil remedy of molestation and two new criminal offences for behaviour which might cause a person to believe immediate violence would be used against them or they would suffer harassment. Stalking has caused many women severe distress but any new law would have to be framed with care to ensure that it protected without offering the vindictive a new weapon. Mr Howard's activist tenure at the Home Office has seen debate move decisively in the direction of the victim. He must be careful not to create new categories in his anxiety to protect those he has already identified as deserving of help.

THE REPUBLICAN TRAP

Despite provocation loyalists should keep their discipline

The attack on the Army headquarters in Lisburn was as unsubtle in its political message as in the callous brutality it displayed towards the lives of innocent people. After a period of considerable confusion as to which particular republican terrorist organisation was responsible, the IRA finally admitted to their role. The instant suspicions of Sir Patrick Mayhew and others were thus justified. Even by their own standards this bombing showed a complete disregard for the likely casualties. The peace process looks more vulnerable than ever before.

The strategy of the terrorists is straightforward. Since the Docklands bombing they have pursued a policy of selective violence aimed at high-profile institutions of the British State. Until now these assaults have been confined to the British mainland. Their objective is to cause spectacular damage mile at the same time not completely precluding the possibility of a second ceasefire if invited to the negotiating table with minimal conditions attached. However, the principal drive has been to return to the armed struggle in a manner that maximises their advantage within Northern Ireland. Although alienated by recent events, the vast majority of Roman Catholics would be appalled if the Provisionals were the first to reintroduce indiscriminate killing of civilians within the Province.

The republican leadership knows that well and has sought to induce loyalist paramilitaries into making the first move. Given the recent success of Britain's police and intelligence forces in anticipating their operations and arresting their operatives, the terrorists badly needed to re-establish their credibility as a fighting force. Sadly, disturbingly lax security at Lisburn seems to have given them that opportunity.

Yet despite intense provocation in London and Manchester the various strands of Loyalist paramilitarism have so far held their fire. The reluctance of their own prisoners to endorse the process any longer highlights how taxing holding that line has become. Loyalists should recognise the trap and continue to avoid it. It is an unfortunate truth that the IRA can engage in numerous types of terror while staying shy of any action that would cause their own community to blame them for the complete resumption of violence. Loyalist forces, who support the institutions of British rule, would find themselves precipitating terrible communal violence if they abandoned their ceasefire. It remains to their moral and political advantage to still the trigger-finger.

Responsibility falls upon Ulster politicians as well. David Trimble's insistence that decommissioning has become more, not less, important with each atrocity is absolutely justified. Even now certain quarters regard recent IRA activity as an "encouraging sign" that, having established their credentials, the General Army Council may move to suspend hostilities. The terrorists must not be permitted entry to political deliberations without absolute certainty that they cannot return to the armed struggle.

Alongside this, Ulster's politicians, especially the Rev. Ian Paisley, must offer positive proposals for Ulster's future capable of commanding widespread support among those committed to the constitutional route. The political process has moved at a painful pace to date. If this continues, the terrorists will once again dictate the political agenda for Northern Ireland.

WOMEN AND ISLAM

Afghanistan does not represent the whole Muslim world

The Taleban, the Islamic zealots who now rule Kabul, yesterday insisted that they would not retreat from their harsh restrictions on women's rights. Not only do women now have to veil themselves completely when going outside, but all those in the Afghan capital are effectively under house arrest, forbidden to work, forbidden to be seen in the company of any unrelated males and risking a flogging for showing themselves even if only to go shopping. "Islam does not accept change," the acting Minister of Information declared, appropriating to himself the right to speak for the world's one billion Muslims and to attribute to his coreligionists the most narrow-minded interpretation of Islamic law.

Millions of Muslims will be embarrassed by his remarks. On the very day that this benighted spokesman was attempting to banish women back to the Middle Ages. Kuwaiti women were demonstrating for the right to vote during the Emirate's general election. Women make up more than half the small state's population, and a growing number are determined to resist the encroachments of fundamentalism. Nearer to Afghanistan. Iranian officials have condemned the Taleban as reactionaries, calling their treatment of women unprincipled

ar verging on the misogynist. That such condemnation should come from Iran is revealing. For despite its export of revolution and opposition to the West, Iran's Islamic Government has wrought a

social revolution. Women are still subject to enforced veiling and the whims of religious zealots; but their education, work opportunities and access to family planning clinics have improved considerably. The reason lies partly in the sophistication of society, where a middle class remembers the Westernised lifestyle under the Shah, but also a soaring birthrate that has convinced the Government of the need to improve women's rights as the best way of limiting families.

All this is in stark contrast to Afghanistan - ironically one of the first Muslim countries to propose votes for women as long ago as 1921, though legislation did not follow. Even in Algeria, however, where the revolutionaries of 30 years ago gave woroen an unprecedented role in fighting the French, women are now having their throats slit by Islamists determined to enforce their own myopic view of the Sharia.

In Malaysia, by contrast, women, empowered by the opportunities offered by information technology, are entering the workforce in unprecedented numbers. This is the pattern likely to be found increasingly in more developed Muslim societies. Islamic scholars argue that the Koran does not prohibit women from working, though concede that tradition has extolled them more as wives and mothers than as breadwinners. Their rights and role in society are increasingly going to be one of the challenges Islam must face, as the women of Kabul are finding to their cost.

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Bosnian elections and UN sanctions

From Sir Terence Clark

Sir. I was amazed to hear Sir John Weston, UK Representative to the United Nations, speaking on the BBC World Service on October 2 about the Security Council's lifting of sanctions from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Serb Republic follow-ing "free and fair" elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Everyone in official positions here

in Bosnia has been careful to avoid calling these elections "free and fair". Indeed, the Chairman-in-Office of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) declared on September 29 that the political conditions for free, fair and democratic elections were not fulfilled.

Annex 3 of the Dayton peace agreement defines these conditions as in particular a politically neutral environment ... the right to vote in secret without fear or intimidation ... freedom of expression and of the press ... freedom of asso-ciation (including of political parties) and ... freedom of movement.

None of these conditions existed to even the minimum acceptable degree either before or during the elections moreover, there are strong grounds for believing that the election results involved fraud.

After two weeks of muddle and confusion about the results and a healthy measure of mathematical juggling to reconcile them, Ambassador Frowick, Head of the OSCE Mission in Bosnia, which supervised the preparation and conduct of the elections, could only manage to say, on September 29, that "a reasonably democratic electoral process" had taken place.

The Security Council members were clearly in a difficult position. For reasons best known to themselves, they felt that sanctions had to be lifted. Less clear is why they should take this step; for in so doing they have effect-ively abandoned the leverage which sanctions afforded, whilst simultaneously appearing to reward the par-ties involved for their recalcitrance, in particular with regard to the issue of the detention of indicted war crimi-

However, Security Council Resolution No 1022 of November 22, 1995, clearly specified that the lifting of sanctions was dependent on "free and fair" elections having taken place, so it would seem that Sir John's use of the term was, after all, no mere slip of the tongue, but an elastic interpretation of the OSCE's words.

Yours faithfully, TERENCE CLARK (Director), International Crisis Group 29 Kulina Bana, Sarajevo.

Funding pensions

From Mr Roger J. Ellis

Sir, There appears to be some confusion as to the funding of pensions in the EU under the EMU (letter, October 2).

Participation in the EMU would reduce Britain's control over money supply and interest rates (surely not a bad thing, bearing in mind our lack of success in this department), with interest rates in Britain falling considerably on joining — a point not often

Taxation is quite different. Taxation would still be under the full control of the individual states and governments. If there were extra pension payments to be found by certain countries these would be funded by extra taxation in those states only, and any inclination by those states to reflate the European economy to assist in this matter could be negated by making the European Central Bank independent of political control.

Thus extra pension payments would in no way be borne by a Britain inside the EMU.

Sincerely, ROGER J. ELLIS, 7 The Willows, Bangor, Co Down. October 2.

Tax and inflation

From Mr A. D. Levaggi

Sir, Mr M. C. Kennedy (letter, October 1), writing from Manchester University School of Economic Studies, appears to believe that national debt is paid off by taxpayers in general, as interest plus repayment of capital to holders of gilts. Would that it were so.

Ever since the 1930s, when inflation was zero or even negative, until very recently, interest paid after tax (at the standard rate) has been negative, being below the rate of inflation and insufficient to prevent the steady erosion of capital. Thus in 1978, with inflation approaching 27 per cent, just before the demise of the last Labour Government, building societies were offering 10 per cent net of tax interest on instant-access, over-the-counter accounts.

By and large, the British electorate votes for Santa Claus; but the largesse they receive from vote-buying politi-cians has to be paid for by that tax on savings known as inflation. The poll-tax riots will be nothing compared with what will happen when we are in the EMU and the European Central Bank imposes a strict spend-as-youearn policy via the non-inflated euro.

Yours etc. DAVID LEVAGGI, 4 Grosvenor Street, Bury, Lancashire. October 2.

'Culling' pupils who fail to shine

Sadly, we have reached a time when market forces operate so strongly in

independent fee-paying schools that

parents of these children can now find places for them at 11 or 13 in more aca-

demic schools which, though struggl-

ing to fill their places, then reject them

Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Sir, Libby Purves quotes part of a con-

versation I had on September 24 with

a freelance journalist. In the course of

a discussion on boarding we talked about why Malvern's A-level and

GCSE performances had improved so

I said that in December 1994 pupils

and their parents had been told that

there would no longer be an automa-

tic right of progression from the

One result was that five pupils in

1995 and four pupils in 1996 had left

the school. "Expulsion" was not a

term which was ever used in this con-

text. Some of the nine were simply ill-

suited to an A-level course; others

were not prepared to do the necessary

I stressed that we would always be

prepared to keep faith with those who

were weak but tried and participated.

whatever their results were likely to

be. There are plenty of instances of

Sir, As sixth-formers at Malvern Col-

lege we were disappointed to find our

school misrepresented. The policy of "culling" pupils is not designed to pe-

nalise those who have been hard

Those who are idle and refuse to

work in the face of encouragement are

all given the opportunity to retake the

lower-sixth year and warned that they

need to apply themselves more thor-

Yours faithfully, ROY de C. CHAPMAN,

Malvern, Worcestershire.

From Mr P. Newman

and Miss J. Thornton

working yet unsuccessful.

Yours faithfully, PETE NEWMAN,

JOANNA THORNTON.

Malvern, Worcestershire.

Headmaster.

October 2.

Malvern College,

lower-sixth to the upper-sixth.

Yours faithfully, NICK BEVAN,

Shiplake College,

From the Headmaster

of Malvern College

much this year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Joe Ruston

Sir, Libby Purves's article on the "cull-ing" of school sixth-formers to im-prove A-level results ("Pupils must come before tables". October 1) is passionately argued but unfair. Our group of tutorial colleges receives many of the so-called culled (we have about 40 here now) and in our experience schools put the interests of the pupil first.

What typically happens is this: the school reports to the parents that their child is likely (for whatever reason) to achieve disappointing A-level results. The parents, mindful of the grades required for entry to the premier league universities, demand action and the school suggests a change of subject or more time on the existing ones. Usually, this means joining the year below, a prospect which most pupils reject. Finally, and only after much careful thought, the idea of moving to a new environment such as ours is explored.

This is not to say that schools never use the threat of expulsion to galvanise the lazy. We do the same and, indeed, find ourselves expelling a few students each year. I would just as passionately defend our right to do so.

Yours etc, JOE RUSTON (Chairman). Mander Portman Woodward Group. 3 Elvaston Place, SW7. October 3.

From Mrs Pipyn Trustram Eve

Sir, I can understand Libby Purves's horror at the thought of "culling" the young: but in certain areas the practice has been occurring for many

Since 1983 this trust has been picking up and "recycling" young people who have left school without A levels but want to become chartered surveyors, chartered engineers or architects, all of which require degree entry. About 80 per cent of our intake achieve places on honour degree courses.

Yours faithfully, PIPYN TRUSTRAM EVE (Manager), The Chartered Surveyors Training Trust, 9 Bentinck Street, W1. October I.

From the Headmaster of Shiplake College

Sir, Libby Purves tells only half the story. There are many excellent small schools whose particular strength lies in supporting the very pupils she des-

Small classes, intensive teaching and a flexible and imaginative curri culum allow many less able pupils to thrive in the sixth form and achieve

ber 1993, originated directly from the

efforts of two Norwegian UN officials

operating in the Gaza Strip. The Nor-

wegian Defence Minister, Mr J. J.

Holst, who later became involved in

the process, died as a result of the

Why not let the brave people of Nor-

way negotiate now, rather than rely on a weak US President looking over

his shoulder at the next election? Let

those who have a genuine interest in

the process conduct the talks and

leave the feeble politicians, whose

main interest is often to gain personal

Ash Barn, School House Lane,

Horsmonden, nr Tonbridge, Kent.

Sir, Mr Menzies Campbell's observa-

stresses this entailed.

political glory, out of it.

From Dr R. Lester Black

Yours truly, A. SCHRODER,

October 5.

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Letters to the Editor should carry a

daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -

Middle East peace

From Lieutenant-Commander A. Schroder, RNorN

tions on the Middle East are superficial to the extreme.

The Osio accord between Israel and the Palestinians amounted to a landfor-peace deal. Major steps, though Sir, Mr Menzies Campbell, QC, (letnot yet complete, were achieved by Ister. October 5) is not the only person to rael in giving up land and power to the Palestinian authority. But the have repeatedly warned in your columns against the final failure of the other side of the bargain, peace, was Middle East peace process, or to refer not delivered by the Palestinians. On in glowing terms to the Oslo agreethe contrary, terrorist activities in Israel accelerated, claiming record That agreement, announced on the numbers, for peacetime, of Israeli civilawn of the White House in Septem-

lians murdered. Peace for peace, important to both sides in this protracted dispute, is the sine qua non for any permanent solu-

Yours faithfully, R. L. BLACK. 33 Daylesford Road, Cheadle, Cheshire. October 8.

From Mr F. J. Fishburn

Sir. However much one may sympathise with his sentiments, Mr Menzies Campbell appears to overlook the fact that Mr Netanyahu's Government was also democratically elected with a specific mandate to pursue the policy of peace for security.

Yours truly, F. J. FISHBURN, 7 South Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NWII. October 7.

Airport priority **National Grid**

From Mr Ian Stockman From Mr Andrew Young

Sir, There is in place at Heathrow air-Sir. I was glad to read that the Electricity Regulator plans to curtail excessive profits in the electricity transport a system which allows passengers from outside the European Union to jump the immigration queue mission business (reports, Business. if they have the wherewithal to buy ex-October 5) but was less sure that we. ecutive class or first-class tickets. It is the consumers, should benefit so called Fast Track.

The profits have been made at con-I am sure the same conditions of entry apply to all arrivals from any country. It is less obvious that this will siderable cost to the British landscape which has become grossly disfigured in so many places by grey, ugly py-lons. Reversing half a century's dambe appreciated by those waiting in the slowly winding immigration queues as their fat-cat compatriots breeze age will not be easy but Professor Litthrough in the Fast Track. tlechild has uncovered some funds Do we really want to promote which, potentially, could enable a among visitors to this country the idea be made in taking the

National Grid underground. Such a project would bring wider that money secures access? Yours faithfully, IAN STOCKMAN, benefits far outweighing the sum of comparatively meagre returns to indi-College of Aeronautics, vidual account holders who, like me. Department of Air Transport. had presumably not queried where their overpayments had been going in Cranfield University. Bedford MK43 OAL

the first place. Yours faithfully, ANDREW YOUNG, 37 Chapel Meadow. Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon. October 7.

Long-term decline in aid spending

From the Director General of Save the Children and others

Sir. The long-term decline of Britain's overseas aid budget last year resulted in the first cut in real terms, and there are fears that this year's pre-election Budget could bring further cuts. We consider that these would not be in the national interest economically or politically, at home or abroad. Together with most of Britain's aid and development agencies, we urge the Government to reverse the decline in aid

spending.

Above all, aid saves lives. But as well as the moral case for aid, stronger today than it has ever been, the economic and political arguments have gained ground. Global instability both the cause and effect of conflict. unplanned urbanisation, inadequate infrastructure, public-health threats and environmental degradation carries a high cost for the British tax-

Properly targeted aid can help to prevent those disasters, many of which are rooted in poverty. By giving people, whole communities and countries a hand-up, aid can be a sound investment rather than a subsidy, to the benefit of both poorer and richer nations. Aid is something that Britain is good at, giving us weight on the inter-

national stage.

Given the health advances to which it has contributed, the jobs it has created, its political and economic dividend and the lives it has saved, it would be short sightedness to cut a budget whose reach is so wide and

Yours faithfully, MIKE AARONSON. Director General, Save the Children, ALICK GOLDSMITH. Export Group for the Constructional JOHN MONKS, Trades Union Congress THOMAS McMAHON, Catholic Direcese of Brentwood THUMPHREY TAYLOR. International and Development Affairs Committee, Church of England, DAVID WEATHERALL, Institute of Molecular Medicine University of Oxford. c/o Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, SE5. October 8.

Dinner for six

From Mr and Mrs Ted Gorton Sir, In Weekend today you announce details of a competition in which Frances Bissell (known in this household the winner a dinner for six in his or her own home.

Sir, this is no competition which any of your sane readers would wish to enter. We calculate the costs as fol-

refurbishing kitchen, £3,500; professional cleaning of cooker, £150; new kitchen utensils and equipment, £400; table linen (damask), £150; new cutlery (dinner service is OK), £450; champagne for Tom Bissell in front room. £45: pre-dinner drinks for accompanying *Times* staff, £45 (at least). Total. £4,740.

Under the circumstances we shall not be entering. Yours sincerely.

TED GORTON. V. A. GORTON. 8! Allwood Avenue, Scarning, Dereham, Norfolk. October 5.

Out of bounds?

From Mr Richard B. Miller

Sir, As an average club golfer who was adopted at an early age, I find of-fensive the decision of a Surrey golf club to exclude from a family competition the adopted son of his golfing mother (report, October 8). It is neither in the spirit of companionable sport or of the family ethos.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD B. MILLER, 8 Freemantle Court, Eaton Socon. St Neots, Cambridgeshire.

From Dr A. W. M. Ward Sir, Will a DNA test be necessary in future for competitors in family tournaments at the Burhill Golf Club? Yours sincerely

A. W. M. WAŘD. II Ranmoor Crescent, Sheffield. October 8.

From Mr Ken Broad

Sir. Burhill Golf Club's strange behaviour would appear more credible were they to insist in future that all competitors be blood-tested as a check on paternity. I cannot help feeling there might be the odd surprise from time to time - even in Walton-on-

Yours faithfully, KEN BROAD, Manor Court, Church Aston, Newport, Shropshire October 8.

From Mrs Carole Richardson

Sir. Who would want to have the secretary of Burhill Golf Club as a natural parent?

Yours faithfully, CAROLE RICHARDSON, 7 Spicers Field, Oxshott, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 8: The Queen arrived ar Buckingham Palace this

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

October 8: The Duke of York, Commodore, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 60 Knightsbridge, London SWI. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 8: The Princess Royal this morning departed from Brnik

International Airport Liubliana, Slovenia, for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, The Worcestershire and Sherwood For-

esters Regiment and Royal Logistic

Corps, later arrived at Sarajevo Airport and visited units of the Corps.

During the day The Princess

Lord Tweedsmuir

A Memorial Service for John, 2nd Lord Tweedsmuir will be held on Thursday, October 24, 1996, at St Columba's Church of Scotland. Pont Street, London SWI, at 11.30am.

Mr Ian Richardson A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of lan Richardson. Head Master, Bancroft's School, 1965-1985, will be held in the Chapel of Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, at noon on Friday, November I. 1996. Further

details from the Head Master's Secretary (0181-505 4821). Mrs R.E.S. Wyatt

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mollie Wyatt will be held at 11.30am on Thursday, November 14, at St John's Wood Church, London, NW8. All welcome. Applications for tickets to S.A. Munton, PO Box 8799, London SWIA IZD, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Lecture

Founders' Company Professor Sir Roland Smith delivered the Robert Warner Lecture pany at Founders' Hall.

Royal was briefed on Save the Children's Fund's Work in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness flew to Banja Luka and continued her visits. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, this after-noon received Colonel Margaret Slattery on assuming the appoint-ment of Colonel Commandant of the Corps, Colonel Jane Arigho, Director Army Nursing Services and Matron-in-Chief (Army) was

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK October 8: Princess Alexandra this morning attended the opening by Her Imperial Highness Princess Sayako of the Japanese Gateway and Landscape at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond,

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception at Bafta, at 195 Piccadilly, at 6.30 to mark its 50th anniversary.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the John Logie Baird awards for innovation at Barony Hall, Strathclyde University, Glas-

gow, at 10.50; and will open the lvy Wu Gallery, Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, at 2.10. Princess Margaret will visit Avro International Aerospace, Woodford, Cheshire, at 1,30; and will open the new junior school at the Grange School, Northwich, at 3.25.

Leo Baeck College Archbishop Gregorios Theo-charous presented the annual Council of Christians and Jews Sir Sigmund Sternberg Award to Leo Baeck College at the Degree Cere-mony held at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue last night.

Farmers' Company The following have been installed officers of the Farmers' Company for

the ensuing year: Master, Mr W.M. Cornish: Senior Warden, the Hon Sir Richard Butler; Junior Warden, Mr C.F. Perrwee.

Today's birthdays

The Duke of Kent celebrates his filst birthday today. Mr Joe Ashton, MP, 63; Mr Brian Blessed, actor, 59; Colonel W. S. Brownlow, Lord-Lieutenant of County Down, 75; Miss Sally Burgess, singer, 43; Mr Paul Channon, MP, 61; Lord Chelmer. 82; the Right Rev Lord Coggan, 87; Dr William Cole, organist, 87; Mr Geoff Cook, cricketer, 45; Sir Colin Corness, chairman, Glaxo Wellcome, 65; Mr Denzil Davies. MP. 58; Mr Stuart Devlin, gold Donaldson of Kingsbridge, 89: Mr John Doubleday, sculptor, 49: Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, former Provost. University of Wales College of Medicine, 67; Mr Peter Elliott, athlete, 34: Sir David Goodali, diplomat, 65; Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG,

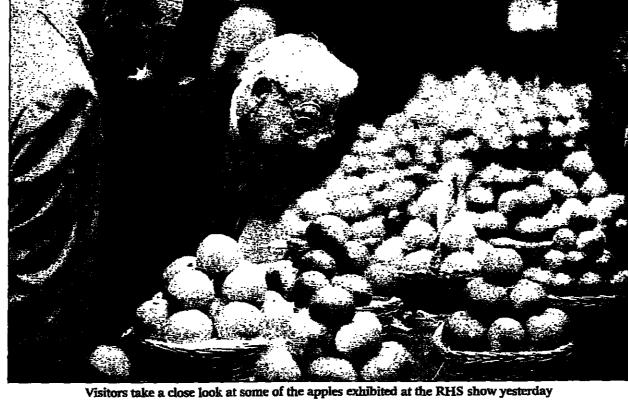
H.U.A. Lambert, former chairman. Sun Alliance Group, 71: the Duke of Manchester, 58; Professor Mr Donald Sinden, actor. 73: Mr Bill Tidy, cartoonist. 63.

OFALIDES - On 30th September 1996, to

TOMASSEE - (In October 5th, at The Pottland Hespital, to Both (infe Rothachid) and Autonio, a daughter, Teas A sister for Ferdinand and Wardi.

WHEATLEY - On 2nd October, in Tokyo, to Toshiko and Michael, a son, Alexander Eax, a brother for Sophiz.

BARMETT - Christophe:



Fruits and veg overpower the flowers

By ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FRUITS and vegetables are the main ingredients of the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster yesterday.

Large exhibits of fruits from amateur growers are rarely seen at shows today so the collection of 100 cultivars of apples and pears from Gerald Edwards, of Pinner, northwest London, and Douglas Bolingbroke, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, is something to be savoured. They range from old cultivars, such as the rather lumpy apple "Calville Blanc D'Hiver" (introduced in 1598) to modern cultivars, including the bright red dessert apple "Red Devil" (1975).

The RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, has staged a very large collection of fruits, mainly apples and pears, including an unusual Japanese pear, "Kumo", which has apple-shaped fruits of a beautiful golden colour.

Among the displays of vegetables, the RHS Garden, Wisley, is showing award winners from the recent trials of femnel (bulb types) and red cabbage, enhanced with colourful squashes and pumpkins, including a very unusual warty pumpkin called "Critouille di Eysinese". Joe Maiden is showing more than 100 cultivars of potato that he has grown in the Gardening Which? demonstration garden. Golden Acre Park, Leeds, West Yorkshire. The gold-medal collection shows the progress of the potato from "Lumper" (introduced in 1800), grown at the time of the Irish famine and the parent of more modern cultivars, to up-to-date kinds such as "Heather" (1995) with mauve skin. The latter is a good heavy cropping all-purpose potato — excellent for jackets, boiling and mashing. The Southern Branch of the National

Vegetable Society has staged a colourful display of vegetables, but the mangel worzel is

rather out of context as it is an agricultural crop rather than for the dinner table.

Among the ornamental autumnal displays, urt of the National Collection of Cotor has been staged by Jeanette Fryer, of Clanlield, Hampshire. There are many good and unusual species and cultivars, such as C. hummelii with

black berries, the shiny red Ccuspidatus, and C. horizontalis "Gracia" which has particularly good autumn leaf colour. RHS Floral B Committee has also staged a large collection of cotoneasters, some again from Jeanette Fryer including several new ones such as C.salicifo-lius "Orangeade" with unusual orange berries. A gold medal collection of nerines from

A gold medal collection of nerines from Newchurch Nerines, of Newchurch, isle of Wight, is creating a brilliant splash of colour. They are showing many of their hybrids, such as Springhank Flame Seedlings with brilliant orange flowers, Smokey Seedlings in smokey pink shades, and Springbank Pink Seedlings in pastel pink shades. A smokey-purple hybrid of the party of the statement of the statemen unknown origin, Nerine samiensis "Quest", which Newchurch Nerines put up for award,

received an Award of Merit. Other gold medallists are Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (trees, shrubs and ornamental plantsi: Hartside Nursery Garden. ornamental plants): Hartside Nursery Garden, of Alston, Cumbria (autumn gentians, ferns and rock garden plants): Linchuden Nursery, of Bisley Green, Surrey (conifers): Matthewman's Nursery, of Thorpe Audlin, North Yorkshire (sweet peas); and D & A Wright, of Wincham, Cheshire (chrysanthemums and dahlias).

The Joint Dahlia Committee (RHS and National Chebic Control Control Chebic Che

National Dahlia Society) have put up a display of dahlias that are being grown in the current Wisley trials, including a new range of miniatures, the Lilliput Series, with tiny flowers and leaves. These are ideal for bedding in small gardens and for containers.

There are many displays of autumn-flowering bulbs. Avon Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook,

Latest wills

£3,238,297 net.

£2,323,928 net.

Charles Nicholas Hornby, of

Shipton Moyne, Telbury, Glouces-tershire, left estate valued at

Marie-Louise von Motesiczky, of London NW3, left estate valued at

Somerset, have included a new nerine in their display, called "Zeal Giant". It has excep-tionally large flowers, about the size of amaryllis, and they are bright icing sugar pink. It is not vet available.

Several competitions are being held with this show. In the RHS autumn fruit and vegetable competition, the Duke of Mariborough, of Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, has won the class for black grapes with "Madresfield Court", and the Duke of Devonshire, of Chatsworth House Trust, Debugging has a stagent the class for white grapes.

Duke of Devonshire, of Chatsworth House Trust, Derbyshire, has wan the class for white grapes with "Muscat of Alexandria".

Alan Buller, of Chessington, Surrey, has won the class for a collection of six cultivars of hardy fruits, and J I Uren. of Long Eaton, Notinghamshire, has won the class for a collection of nine dishes of apples and pears. The affiliated societies challenge cup for a collection of apples and pears has been won by the Eastcore Horticultural Society, of Eastcote, Pinner, northwest London. In the wegetable division, Jim Thompson, of Mid Glamorgan, has won the George Monro challenge cup for a collection of L2 dishes of vegetables; and R G Tudor, of Blackwood, Gwent, has won the Riddell trophy for a collection of six kinds of vegetables.

In the RHS ornamental plants' competition Marie-Christine De Laubarede, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, has won the class for trees and shron, with autumnal fruits, with Cotoneaster "Cornubia", Crataegus crus-galli, a Sorbus spe-cies, and Berberis rubrostilla, all with red berries. In the Bonsai Kai. of London, competition. Bill Brown, of Beckenham, Kent, has won the Chinn stone lantern for most points, and his 60-year-old maple. Acer campestre, growing over a rock has been judged best in show.

In the British National Carnation Society's competition, Jim Lianell, of Towcester, North-amptonshire, has won the Daily Mail cup for most points in the six-bloom classes for perpetualwering carna

The show, in the Old and New Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoar Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Freiston, Boston, Lancashire, left

Macclesfield, Cheshire, left estate

Valued at E1,750,027 fiel.
She left equal shares from a trust fund
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The following have been installed

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Warden, Mr John Phillips; Junior Warden, Mr Charles Bowman.

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Dinners

Mackay of Clashfern were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Glovers' Company held last night at the Mansion House.

Constructors' Company
Mr P. Everett, Master of the

London Metal Exchange The Chairman, Mr R.K. Bagri, and the Board of Directors of The London Metal Exchange Limited, were the hosts at their annual dinner at Grosvenor House last night. The guest speaker was M Jean-Pierre Rodier, President, Pechiney Balzac. Also present were

Marriages

Mr C.R. Erith and Miss L.C. Buxton

will be spent abroad.

and Miss LJ. Thorburn

The marriage took place on Octo-ber 5. at Dunkeld Cathedral,

Perthshire, of Mr William Holt to

Miss Lucy Thorburn.
The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was at-tended by Harriet Ashton. Emily-Cuthbert, Peter Henriques, Chloe

Smith and Max Cansdale. Mr Jerry Wharton was best man.

A reception was held at the home

of the bride and the honeymoon is

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 7, 1996, in a

private ceremony, on the island of Vatulele, Fiji, between Graham Alexander Nisbet and Fiona

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 5, at St Michael's, Chester Square, of Mr Timothy

Norman, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul Norman, of Southridge, Streadey, Berkshire, to Miss Lucy Manson, elder daughter of Mr and

Mrs Alastair Manson, of Fulham, London, and Robertsbridge, East

Sussex. The Rev Charles Marnham officiated, assisted by

Canon Malcolm Manson, uncle of the bride, who gave the address.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was at-tended by Mrs Andrew Bain-bridge, Miss Alice Manson and

Stephen and Patrick Stinson, Mr.

A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road and the honeymoon

The marriage took place last week between Major John Surtees and Mrs Vere Collins. A service of

olessing was held afterwards at St

The marriage took place on Tues-day, October 8, 1996, in Doncaster,

between Mr Ronald Williams, of The Garden House, Brodsworth, and Señora Graciela Artola Perez

Romero, of 1900 Avenue Universidad, Mexico City, and of The Estate House, Brodsworth, Doncaster.

Allan Stinson was best man.

is being spent in Mexico.

Major J. Surtees and Mrs V. Collins

Michael's, Cornhill.

and Schora G. Artola

Mr R.S. Williams

being spent abroad. Mr G.A. Nisbet

Deans McPhee.

Mr T.P.G. Norman and Miss L.E. Manson

and Miss F.D. McPhee

Mr W. Holt

marriages

Forthcoming

ALAN WELLER

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 5, 1996, at the Mr D.J. Barbour and Miss L.S.K. Stanley Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tunstead, Norfolk, of Mr Charles Erith, eldest son of Mr and Mrs The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr Clive Barbour, of Croston, Lan-Robert Erith, to Miss Laura cashire, and Mrs Valerie Barbour, of Cheltenham. Gloucestershire, Buxton, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Buxton. Mr William and Laura, younger daughter of the Hon Richard and Mrs Stanley. Beck was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon of Fulham. London.

Mr G.M. Berkerey and Miss S.E. Wakefield The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Berkerey, of Rotherfield, East Sussex, and

lihull. Warwickshire. Mr DJ. Chalstrey and Miss N.J. Strong The engagement is announced between David James, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Chalstrey, of

Sallie, younger daughter of Mr

and Mrs Kenneth Wakefield, of

Haslemere, Surrey, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Strong, of Weybridge, Mr J.G. Evans

and Miss S. Kovanlikaya The engagement is announced between Gilbert, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Evans, of Sevenoaks. Kent. and Sebnem. daughter of Mr and Mrs Atilla Kovanlikaya, of Istanbul. Mr W.S.B. Hawkes

and Miss C.U. Foster-Black The engagement is announced between William, son of Colone and Mrs A.J. Hawkes, of Laxfield, Suffolk, and Christine (Toots) daughter of Mrs T.D. Ellin, of Alfrick, Worcestershire.

Mr J.G. Nicol and Miss J.A. Phillips The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of Mr John and Dr Verna Nicol, of Hartlebury, Worcestershire, and Julie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Phillips, of Solihull West Midlands.

Mr C.S. Rix and Miss J.M. Horner The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Sir John and Lady Rix of Win-chester, Hampshire, and Jane, twin daughter of Dr and Mrs Adam Homer, of Beaminster,

Dorset. and Miss J.A. Parkhouse The engagement is announced

between Gregory, third son of Mr and Mrs A. Windsor, of Wantage. Oxon, and Jane Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Parkhouse, of Bristol.

University news

Mr Michael Yuille, to be Director of Finance. Glasgow University.

Constructors' Company, presided at the installation court dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall in aid of the Treloar Trust.

some 1,500 members and guests of the Exchange.

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Mr Perer Cowling, Brigadier Miles
Hunti-Davis, Dr and Mrs Gordon
Johnson, Mr David Allen, Mr Henry
Bedingfeld and Mr and Mrs Jack
King.

Britain-Australia Society Sir John Leahy, Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society, presided at the annual meeting and luncheon held yesterday at Australia

Commissioner was present The Montgomeryshire Society Mr D.H.O. Owen was installed as President of The Montgomeryshire Society by Mr T.A.V. Evansyl, former president, at a reception held last night at the Swedish Church, London WI.

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DAVIES - On October 6th, to Juliet (rate Ginsaborow) and Stephen, a daughter, Sophia Jill Louise, a sister for Otivia and Georgina. FALK - On 7th October 1996 to Katherine (née Mescer) and Ben, a daughter Josephine Katherine Elizabet

FOX - On October 6th, to Amat (née Thwaites) and William a son, Oliver James Staley. APPLAH - Ebement Evans on 22nd September 1996 at Kings College Hospital, London goed 64, husband and father. Wakekeeping will take place at Hinde Street Methodist Church We, on Thumday 10th October at 7.30pm. Memorial and Thanksgiving Service will be held at 10 am on Friday 11th October at Streetham Methodist Church, Mitcham Lane, followed by burdia t Lambeth Cometery, (off Blackshaw Ecod), Tooting, SW17. HANCOCK - On 7th October 1996, to Violet (ase Simsic) and Tim, a son, Oliver Nicholas, a brother for Edward and Christophez. HUDSON-KNOTT - On September 22nd, to Ginny and Peter, a daughter, Amelia Sophie Beatrics, at the Matlida Rospital, Hong Kong

HUGHES - On 7th October 1996, to GII and David, a son, Daniel

JAKES - On 2nd October, t Kate Newlove and Neil Jakes a daughter, Lucy Naomi. JAMES - On 2nd October 1996, to Annell (née Willcox) and Andy, a daughter, Danica Claire Frances, a sister for Diccon and Kayleigh. KIEFFER - On October 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to

SARHEIT - Christopher Stephen on October 6th 1996, aged 81, at The Hamilton Nursing Home-Suchton, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral on Monday October 14th at Randalls Park Crematonium, Loutherhead at 3.30pm. BRD - On October 4th 1996.
Suddenly in Hospital, Dr. C.
A. Ringsley Bird M.R.C.S.,
LRCP, F.E.C. Fath, aged 78
years, the dearly loved
humband of Betty, much
loved father of jennifer and
Celta and a loving
grandfather. Private
cremation. Service of
thanksgiving at St Feter's
Church, Prestbury, on Friday
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Family flowers only,
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01425-829232 SETCHEL - On October 5th in Buntingdon, to Many (née [son) and Stephen, a daughter, Lilton Mary.

rannant - On 6th October 1996, to October (nie May) and Jeremy, a daughter, Madeleine Sophie Alice, a TATE - On 7th October, to Sarah (née Marriott) and Dominic, a son, Albert George Oliver (Bertie), a brother for Serena.

TAYLOR - On September 19th 1996, to Alison and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Evelyn Este, a sister for Elliot. THOSEPSON - On October 7th. in Swammen, to Kerry (née Till) and Carl, a daughter, Charlotte. A sister for essica. Love Scott and

Sir Peter Mansfield, physicist, 63; Sir John Margetson, diplomat, 69; Mr Eamonn Martin, athlete, 38; Mr N.M. Mischler, former chairman, Hoechst UK, 76; Earl Nelson, 55; Miss Marianne Neville-Rolfe, senior regional director North West for the DTI, 52; Mr Steve Ovett, athlete, 41; Sir Norman Payne, former chairman, BAA, 75; Mr John Pilger, journal-ist, author and film-maker, 57; Mr Andy Platt, rugby league player, 33; the Earl of Plymouth, 73; Mr John Rose, chief executive, Rolls-Royce, 44: Commander Michael Saunders Watson, former president. Historic Houses Association, 62; Lord Shaw of Northstead, 76;

DEATHS

BROWNE - Dermot Brandan suddenly on 26th September. Very much loved hesband of Hilary, adments father of Tristan, Samanths and Gillian, treasured son of

sour of Tristan, Samantha and Gillian, treasured son of Arthur and Eithne and brother of Brien and Deltan. Sadly missed by family, friends and patients. Denations if desired to the NSPCC.

CARMICHAEL - On Sunday October 6th 1996, Donald Macaulay, M.A. Hons., Compander RNVE, D.L. of Dorwey, Halkick, Calthaens, in his 39th year. Beloved hasband of Margaret (née Parkingon), dear father of Anne Melville and Jane Craxton and grandpa of Rachel and Emdiy.

CASSIDY - (née Petergap)

CASSIDY - (née Peterran)
Paula passed away
graciously and courageously
on Wednesday 2nd October
in the Samaritan Hospital
Marylabona Beloved wife of
Jamie, wonderful daughter
of Marian and Peter,
enchanting friend to all who
knew her, Peula's Spirit and
happiness will live forever
within us. A service to
celebrate her life and home
coming to Henley will take
place in the Chuch of St
Mary the Virgin, at 4pm on
Priday 11th Otober, Family
flowers only please, but
donations would be
gratefully accepted on
behalf of Cancer Belliaf or
the Wesid Wildlife Fund c'o
Totsulin & Son, Anderson
House, 38 Reading Road,
Henley-on-Thames.

CHOWDHUMY - Tripet, on 8th October 1996 peacefully in Delhi, widow of the late Maj. Gen. Prizom Chowdhury and mother of Dilject, Manjest, Eznjoev and Sanjeev.

DONN - Dennis Leonard ARCA, aged 84. Principal York School of Art 1951-77, beloved husband of Winifred, daar father of Chrysantha Foneral Service in York Minster on Friday 11th October at lym. Ramily flowers only, any donations to The Friends of York Minster, Church House, Ogleforth, York Y01 27K

DOWLEY - Brian George, died October 6th. Funeral 12 noon Saturday October 12th 9t. Densitat's Church, Monkey Risburough, Bucka, Flowers or douathous to \$t. Dunstan's Church (Cheir Pund).

bury - George Harry, on October 4th, of Risby, Sury St Edmunds, Emeritus, Professor of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Much loved by his family and many friends.

BIRTHS: Sir George Tomline Bishop of Winchester 1820-27, Bury St Edmunds, 1750; Mary Tighe, poet, Ireland, 1772; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer,

Anniversaries

Paris, 1835; Emil Fischer, chemist Nobel laureate 1902, Euskirchem, Germany, 1852; Alfred Dreyfus, French army officer wrongly house, Alsace, 1859; Nikolai Bukharin, revolutionary, Moscow, 1888; Jacques Tati, actor and film director, Paris, 1908; John Lennon, singer and songwriter, Liverpool,

DEATHS: Claude Perrault, archi- Uganda became independent, tect and physician, Paris, 1688; Sir 1962.

Farwell Glidden, farmer, inventor director, Hollywood, 1985.

Richard Blackmore, physician and

writer, Boxted, Essex, 1729; Joseph

DYKE - Mary Compton, on 7th October 1996 aged 95, at Wellington Ludge, Ascot. Proviously of Harrow Middlesex and for many

years a member of the Civil Service. Funeral Service at

Service. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Fack Crematorium Chapel, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham on Monday 14th October at 1.30pm. Flowers to Lines Branister, Funeral Directors, 69 Right Street, Ascot, Berjahire.

ELIS - Lindsay R. Mandeville, on October 7th pencefully in his sleep aged 79. Funeral service at Chesterton Lane Cemetery Chapel, Circumster on Monday 14th October at 2.30pm. Flowers to Packer & Slade, Funeral Directors, City Sank View, Circumster et al. (01285) 653525.

FINSBERG - Geoffrey, on October 7th 1996, aged 70, suddenly in Stockholm. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and greatly loved stepfather of Christopher, Patrick and Adam Fameral private. Memorial Service will be announced soon.

GOW - Peacefully, at Enigmore Hospital, Inversess on Friday October 4th, 1996, Rev. Canon William Connell Gov., for 37 years Rector of St.James', Dingwall and St. Annas's, Strathpeffer and intely Dean of the Diocess of Monay, Ross and Catheness, in the 61st year of his priesthood, devoted husband of the late Edith Many Gov., much loved father of the late Indianal Ronald, daughters-in-law Christine and Silary and genelle france and Silary and genelle france and State of Cathenes and Niel, Justine, James and Sophie, Functal service in St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Strathpeffer at 12 noon Friday October 11th.

HEATH - Benjamin Paul Andrew aged 32, on 28th September, dearly loved son of Mand and the late Kenneth Heath, brother of Nicholes and Sarah Futeral in Celebration of his life took place, Friday 4th October at Highgate Cometery, London N6. Donations if desired to The National Asthma Campaign Co Leverton & Sons Ltd, 212 Eversholt Street, NWI 18D.

LEAMY - Monsigneur Joseph Percy. Died pencefully at the Royal United Hospital, Beth, on 7th October. Will be sadly missed by all his relatives and friends. Hequiem Mass on Wednesday 16th October at 11.20cm at 8t. John's The Evangelist, Rath, followed by burial at Perrymead Cometery.

of barbed wire, De Kalb, Illinois, 1906; King Alexander 1 of Yugoslavia, assassinated, Marseilles. 1934; Sir Wilfred Grenfell, medical missionary. Charlotte. Vermont, 940: Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII 1939-58, Castelgandolfo, Italy. 1958; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, 1959; André Maurois, novelist and vara, guerrilla leader. Bolivia, 1967; Orson Welles, actor and film

Margaret Battye, of Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, left estate val-Yale College received its charter.

JENGES - Kenneth William died peacefully on October 7th after a courageous fight against cancer. Much loved

ued at E1,201, 914 net.

she left: E500 each to Vale Methodist
Church, Appley Bridge: League of
Friends of Wrightington Hospital, Her
residuary estate equally between
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Missionary Society. RSPCA. RNIB,
British Heart Foundation Appeal, and
Methodist Church Home Mission
Fund. Frank Arnold Marshall, of

7th after a courageous fight spainst cancer. Much loved and adored by Jodith his wife, daughter Linda, grandchildren Laura and Alice, and sister Elieen. Family cremation on Thursday 10th October. Memorial Service on 31st October at 2pm at St. Eatthlomew the Grant, West Smithfield. Donations, if desired, to St. John Ambulance Service c/o S. Smith & Son, 127 Linghaid Road, Bdenheidge, Kent. TNR SDY. MARTINSON - The Eev. Peter Stephen Douglas. On 3rd October, aged 81 years, Much loved žether of Peter. Service at 5t Mary the Virgin, Bramshott (near Liphook) Hampahire on Tuesday 15th October at 2.30 p.m. Flowns welcoms. Enquiries to GM. Lnif. (01428) 543524.

MORE - David Henry CBE
Captain Royal Navy of
Powerstock Dorest passed
away suddenly on October
5th 1996, Dearly beloved
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loving father of Andrew,
Sally, James and Carolyn, a
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OSBOHNE - Eric Roy, on 5th October pescefully at the District General Hospital Eastboarne. Beloved husband of Bridget and father of Timothy, Pennsal Service at St. Mary's Charch Willingdon, on Tuesday 15th October at 12 noon, followed by cremetican. No flowers, donations if desired to St. Mary's Church Willingdon or Botton Village Danby, Whitby, North Yorks. YOZI 2NJ.

PRICE - Sidney James, peacefully in Epworth Gange, Burr, on October 3rd 1996, aged 86 years, Denry loved father of Towy, fether-in-law of Rosemary and grandfather of Rachel, Sam and Luke.

andly missed by his wife habreen, daughter Delta and all his family and friends, Findsal service at 10am on Friday 11th October at St. John's Church, St John's Woking, followed by burial at Setton blees, Church of St Edward the Confessor. Family flowers only. Donations to Dr Bannardo's RAPHAH. - Sylvis Deiches, at Kingston Bospital on 6th October. Wife of Professor David Raphael, mother of Sally Van Roorden and Anne Sheppard; dearly loved by them, sons-in-law, grandchildren and her brothers, Putenl at Piersbill Cemetery, Edinburgh, on Friday 11th October at 12.30pm.

PALMIER - Patricis June (née Stevenson). On Monday October 7th, peacefully at Dorothy House, Winsley, Nr. Bath, after long illness. Beloved wife of Lesiae, and adored mother of Devin, Déva, and Stephen. Funeral Service at Haycoube Committeium, Bath, Tuesday, October 15th, at 12:30pm. Family Houses only please. Donations if desired to Dorothy House Foundation, Winsley, Wits.

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REES - Margaret Fermie, on 7th
October 1996, peacefully at
home. Adored wife of
Charles, cherished mother of
Graham, Rowens, Andrina
and Andarw, and beloved
grandmother. Funeral
private.

RODWELL - Marths, pencefully
at home on 6th October
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ROEBUCK - John Spencer,
suddenly on October 5th
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ROEBUCK - John Spencer, suddenly on October 5th 1996, aged 83 years Beloved insburd of Anne and the late Beryl, Devoted father of Adrian and Richard, and father-in-law of Sue and father-in-law of Christopher, Catherine and Calina Reception into the Oratory E.C. Church, Edghaston, Birmingham, Tuesday October 16th at 11am, followed by interment, 4.30pm. Requies 16th at 11am, followed by interment, 4.30pm. Cometery, Birmingham. No flowers donations to Gwel Ormous Ormetery, Birmingham. No flowers donations to Gwel Ormous Summ, London WCIN 3AI. Requiescat the Pace.

SCOTT - Femorfully at Fairford on 7th October 1996, 84. Family funeral to take place at Lasborough.

HOGENTON - Lee, peacefully on 4th October 1996, 84. years. Greatly loved and saddy missed by his wife Mattern, daughter Deits and all his family and friends. Dunted service at 10mm.

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WARD-JACKSON - William Alcoander, bushand of Betty and father of Nicholay, Simon and Advian. Funeral at Movitable Crematorium Jum Friday October 11th. No flowers.

SMART - Bric Leonard, form Head of Technical Servic in the Radio Department the Royal Aircra Establishment Famborous beloved husband of Mais and Calling of Chicago beloved husband of Makrie and father of Gillian and June, previously of Boundstone, Farsham, Surey, died pencefully 4th October 1996. Cremation private at Carlinia 240pm 10th October. Hemorial Service in Farsham at some future data. However to John Richardson & Son, Victoria Road, Penrith. Greatly missed.

WATSON - Patricia (aée
McAllister), peacafully on
October 3rd, aged 71, after a
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Jack and mother of
Laurence, Andrew, John
(deceased), Clare and
Martin, sister of Mollie,
Eddie and Joan. Requiem
Mass at 12 noon at The
Catholis Church, Shearness,
Kant, on Monday October
14th. Requiries to G. Hoghen
& Son. Tek (01795) 580321

WERE - Iris, of Dartmouth,
Devon, on 5th October 1996,
pascefully in her 88th year.
Widow of Lt. Col. Richard
Webb, mother of Justin and
Richard, Past President of
the National Association of
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Dartmouth. Tel: (01803)
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WHEWELL - Suddenly on October 5th in the Victoria Rome, Leeth, Enna, known as Mary, Dearly beloved wife of the inte Charles, imquiries to (0113) 2755604.

WELLIAMS - L.G. MBE, died i Wellass - L.G. MSE, died in Pligrim's Hospice, 6th October 1995. Leving husband, father and gamtinter. Will be greatly missed by all the innily. Funcial savice at Barbam Crematorium on Investory October 16th at 12.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired to Pligrim's Hospice u/o Chittenden's Funeral Services, Windmill Street, Hythe, Kenz.

WEGG-PROSSER - Charles fied peacefully at his family home in Herstond on 7th October aged 86. His passing will be moumed as a sed loss to Betty and the rest of his loying family and many friends but his life will continue to be celebrated by continue to be celebrated by them. The cremation will be in Bereford. Please do no send flowers but rather send doubtions to the Marie Curi-Canter Care whose nurse, cared for him.

WILLS - On October 5th, Akan
Oliver aged 87 years,
beloved husband, father,
grandfather, brother and
friend. Private family
cremation followed by a
Service of Thanksgiving at
St. Michael's Church, Breat
Exoll, Schennet, on Monday
October 14th at 230pm, to
which all friends are
welcome. No flowers by
special request Donations if
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MEMORIAL SERVICES for Lt. Col. Ewan Alastafr MacMahon Graham, Argyil & Sutherland Righlanders. who Sutherhand Highlanders, will be held on Monday 28th October at 530 pm in the Chapel Royal, Stirling castle. We Obliviscuris - Ne Oublie".

SDESCTION - A service of Thunksgiving for the lives of Anna and Devek Sidebottom will be held at St. Many The Virgin, Tetbury, on Friday Int Nevember at 3.30pm. All are welcome to the service and to can afterwards at Magor Farm.

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DAME DIANA READER-HARRIS

Diana Reader-Harris. DBE. Headmistress of Girís, 1950-75, died on October 7 aged 83. She was born on October 11,

iana Reader-Harris will be remembered in many parts of the world not only for her headship of Sherborne Girls' School though in both duration and quality that was a considerable achievement.

Such. however, were her energies and enthusiasms that her time running a school ultimately became the springboard for a much wider career in education, the service of youth and, through her presidency of the Church Missionary Society, Christian concern the poorer peoples of the orld. In all these spheres she made her mark less as an original thinker, despite having a first-class mind, than as a supreme enabler of other people. The famous charm, to which all responded, lay in her combination of a totally affirmative personality with that rare grace of genuinely esteeming others better and cleverer than herself. Born in Hong Kong, where

her father practised both as a barrister and as a solicitor, Muriel Diana Reader-Harris was sent home as a pupil to Sherborne School for Girls at the age of 12. She finished as head girl five years later. She was offered a place at Newnham College, Cambridge, but her father, by then in Shanghai, doubted the value of a university education for girls unless they were clever enough to win a scholarship.

Diana, however, was not to be defeated. Denied the glamr of Cambridge, she took instead an external course with London University and gained a first-class degree in English with French and Economics as subsidiary subjects. It is possible that this experience, though she was never bitter about it, may have fired her passionate concern to secure for girls everywhere an education designed to prepare them for a fully independent role in a rapidly changing

Her headship at Sherborne



from 1950 to 1975 provided the platform on which she could work out her educational asoirations. She had already served the school as an assistant mistress (1934) and then housemistress (1938) - as well as being in charge of a selected group of Sherborne girls evacuated to Canada in 1940. During the latter years of the war, and immediately afterwards, she worked on the staff of the National Association of Girls' Clubs. This was at a time — the middle to late 1940s when this centralising body radically developed its work with mixed clubs. In 1950 came her appoint-

gathered a diverse and talented team around her and proceeded to steer the school through a time of unprecedented change and expansion. She practised staff democracy with conviction, but she had an instinctive sense of timing when striving for change which reduced friction and resistance to a minimum. She was also blessed with a phenomenal memory for names and personal details that made every girl feel that she mattered. Even more important, she possessed a serene love of life that brought the most daunting problems and obstacles into proportion.

tion to the Association of Headmistresses culminated in her presidency, 1964-66, when her leadership was highly valued in presenting a re-sponse to the Plowden Report. She had earlier represented the association on the Ministry of Education's committee on the administration of Part III of the Education Act and was one of the first members of the Schools Council for Curriculum and Examinations in 1966 (the body which dealt with new examinations for the 16-plus).

But her interests went well beyond those of private education. She had an almost insatiable appetite for voluntary

work and served on the Dorset Education Committee, the governing bodies of three local schools, the Women's Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour, the Advisory Committee on the Agricultural Colleges, the RIBA's Committee on architectural education. the Christian Consultative Committee of the National Association of Youth Clubs. the Councils of the Outward Bound Trust, the King George Jubilee Trust and the National Youth Orchestra - to say nothing of the Independent Television Authority and the Archbishops' Council on Evangelism. She was, in addition, the first woman chairman of the Royal Society of Arts. In 1972 she was appointed a Dame Commander of the British Empire for her services to education and youth.

Her presidency of the Church Missionary Society. 1969-83, and her chairman-ship of Christian Aid, 1978-83, symbolised her lifelong interest in the developing world and its changing relationship with Europe. The type of Christian missionary work, which took shape during the scramble for Africa and the adding of India to the imperial crown, had, in her view, to adjust its function from "export" to "brokerage": what, she convinced herself, was needed was a new partnership between Churches of the "North" and of the "South".

An astute diplomat, she

played a crucial role in interpreting this change — with the kind of tact that only a headmistress used to dealing with recalcitrant or reactionary parents can command to the more hidebound supporters of the older missionary society organisations (of which the CMS was, in fact, one of the more enlightened). It was typical of her that she always insisted that the giving of aid could not be divorced from honest exposure of the economic and political reasons why poverty and need

In 1983 Dame Diana, who on leaving Sherborne had moved to London, retired to live with her widowed sisterin-law in the Close at Salisbury. Her sister-in-law died last year and she leaves no direct survivors.

EMILE VAN LENNEP

Emile Van Lennep, ormer Secretary General of the Organisation for and Development (OECD), died in The Hagne on October 3 aged 81. He was born on January 20, 1915. in

EMILE VAN LENNEP's long crusade against inflation made him a vigorous leader of the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). tary General of the organisation known as the Western industrialised nations' club or think-tank, coincided with the impact on the world economy of the oil crisis and the growing belief in balanced budgets and improved balances of payments as foundations for tackling long-term unemployment.

At the same time, Van Lennep presided over the expansion of OECD to include Australia and New Zealand. He was also active in improving the economic structures of Turkey and the former Yugoslavia. He was an austere man,

known in the Chateau de la Muette headquarters of OECD as "von Lennep". The son of a banker, he studied to be a lawyer, but then joined the Dutch Central Bank after the war. His rise was rapid and he became the senior official at the Dutch Finance Ministry at the age of 36, going on to hold the post for 18 years (1951-69). The job marked his entry into the postwar world of international economic co-operation.

For 11 years (1958-69) he ran the then EEC's monetary committee and was one of an impressive group of Dutch bankers and officials who came to head a number of international institutions in the 1970s. He proved to be by far the most enduring. Before his appointment as

Secretary General, he was president for eight years (1961-69) of the influential OECD Working Party Three, a select body of central bankers and treasury officials which meets ahead of major OECD meetings.
As head of OECD, he was

respected rather than liked,



for his style bordered on the autocratic. He had an extraordinary dynamism and capacity for work, and he possessed considerable knowledge of a wide variety of subjects.

OECD in 1969 described by one leading French economist as a Keynesian temple". Lennep denounced the inflationary risks of budget deficits and warned against policies designed to give quick boosts to economies.

He preached that good housekeeping was a prerequisite for tackling unemployment, a policy now generally pursued by West European governments. He was critical of the US for not setting an example of monetary stability. He was also a supporter of fixed exchange rates between countries, but his view did not prevail in this arena.

He worked with Henry Kissinger in 1974 to set up the International Energy Agency, the body designed to manage Western reserves after the quadrupling of oil prices. He helped to ensure that the new organisation survived a boycott by France and became part of OECD.

His reappointment twice as Secretary General up until 1984 was recognition of his success in giving OECD a high profile and turning it into an effective forum for international economic co-operation. He was, in the words of one former colleague, as actionorientated as the nature of the organisation allowed.

In this sense, he was the most hands-on leader OECD has seen. On a visit to Senegal to set up the Sahel group to fight drought in West Africa. he went out to the villages. squatted on the ground and joined the locals in eating with his fingers.

He also surprised his hosts by displaying an incredible grasp of the intricacies of world football, his secret passion. From discussing the need for greater multilateral co-operation between independent market economies and the dangers of restrictive bodies such as the G7 group of leading industrial nations, he could switch to an analysis of Johann Cruyff's latest goal. He was extremely well-

informed about the situation in the then Yugoslavia and did much to encourage the country's economy before the crisis. Likewise, he worked closely with Turgat Ozal, then the Turkish Minister of the Economy, in aiding the Turkish recovery of the 1970s.

He later became Minister of State in Holland and continued to follow closely the path of international co-operation. His death came just before a planned meeting in Paris with the new OECD Secretary General, the Canadian Donald Johnston.

His wife predeceased him. He is survived by four

PROFESSOR DAVID SMITH

Her outstanding contribu-

David Smith, materials scientist, died of a heart attack on September 8 aged 52. He was born on October 11, 1943.

ENGLISH-born and educated, David Smith was Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Stevens Insti-

New Jersey. He was internationally recognised in his sphere. His speciality was the use of high-resolution electron microscopy techniques to study faults in the crystal structure of materials.

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The atomic structure and chemistry of such faults have profound effects on the properties of materials, such as those

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used in silicon devices and microchips. Knowledge of these effects can be used to engineer-in desired properties and eliminate unwanted ones. Smith was awarded an IBM

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metallurgy at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and stayed on at the university to complete a PhD in 1968. He then moved to Trinity College, Oxford, where in 1972 he was awarded a Royal Society fellowship. He was appointed to the post of lecturer in 1976.

In 1979, tempted by the greater opportunities which America could offer in his international field of research. he moved to the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Centre in New York. He rose to become manager of the science of technological materials group.

Smith was not to return to the academic world until 1992 when he was appointed Wes-ley J. Howe Distinguished Professor at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken. He then moved to Bethlehem. Pennsylvania, in 1995 as director of the Lehigh University Centre for Imaging and

Analysis. In additional to being an outstanding researcher, Smith was a dedicated teacher. Despite his lofty intellectual achievements, he was also prepared to spend considerable time at schools, explaining the electron microscope to pupils and showing how it was used to create images of

He was a keen athlete and spent his spare time hiking, running, cycling and canoe-He is survived by his wife

Dr Carol Smith-Nichols and their daughter, as well as by a daughter and two sons from his previous marriage.

television producer, died of a brain tumour on October 4 aged 69. He

was born on October 2.

1927.

AN OUTSTANDING television producer who spent his entire working life with the BBC, Dominic Flessati brought to his work an investigative mind, an attention to detail and a total commitment to the search for truth, whether on historical, archaeological or medical matters. He was suspicious of the latest fashionable wisdom; he liked to think for himself and he en-

couraged others to do likewise. He joined the BBC in 1952, worked for some years at Caversham, at Bush House and in BBC Publications where he was television editor of the Radio Times. But he really came into his own when he went to the Science and Features Department of Television. At first he contributed to programmes on Tomor-row's World, later was an assistant editor of the contro-

versial British Empire series. The SOE (Special Opera-tions Executive) programmes which he organised and supervised involved much travel and reading, and above all long and searching interviews with actual participants and witnesses of the events described. It was not always plain sailing but many of his friends considered the pro-

grammes to have been his crowning achievement. He always remained inter-



ested in archaeology and was especially proud of the programmes he made with Professor (now Lord) Renfrew, in particular the one on Who Built Stonehenge?

One of his many contributions to Horizon included an investigation on legionnaires' disease, The Hunt for the Legion Killer. He was always on the alert for new discoveries which might light up the past or explain the present.

Flessati was born in Folkestone of a family of Italian descent long established in England. When he decided to undertake, for once, personal research on his Italian background he succeeded in tracing the Flessatis back to the 15th century and his most pleasant surprise was to dis-cover that his great-grandfather had been with Garibaldi. This was a fighting tradition he renewed when, still a teenager, he joined a Resis-

Verdi, in Northern Italy where he and his family found themselves trapped by the war. Once the war was over. he did his National Service with No 1 Special Force and Allied Military Government. North Italy. He was educated at the

Marist School, Hythe, and St Christopher's. Folkestone. In 1952 he graduated in History, Archaeology and Anthropology from University College London, after pre-clinical medical studies at King's College London.

A man of many parts. Flessati was also a leading expert on Yugoslavia, a country with which he became fascinated when he made a film with Bill Hudson, the first British agent to be sent to Yugoslavia in 1942. Flessati had been writing a book on Colonel D. T. "Bill" Hudson, the wartime agent with the SOE in Yugoslavia. His death left it unfinished, but Flessati had at least been able to ensure that at the time of Hudson's death in November last year his exploits were recorded in an obituary notice in The Times.

His sympathies were very much with Mihailovic and the Serbs, who, he thought, had not had the recognition they deserved. He always argued their case, which, he felt deeply, had not been properly understood in the complexities of the wartime situation. He is survived by his wife Eva, and their three daugh-

NATIONAL GALLERY CONCERTS MISS MYRA HESS

The idea of luncheon-hour concerts has caught on immediately. The National Gallery, or at any rate that part of it including the dome and its transepts which have been set apart by Sir Kenneth Clark for music, was packed out at the first of the new series of concerts which began yesterday. All seats were filled at once, several hundred people stood even as far back as the third gallery away and many failed to gain admission. Miss Myra Hess, who has been the prime mover in the scheme, led off very appropriately with a piano recital. The programme was neatly constructed with two sonatas of Scarlatti, two Preludes and Fugues of Bach. Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata, and some dances of Schubert, the sort of thing that could be listened to easily and yet attentively in informal conditions. The attentiveness of the audience in the quiet building was especially noticeable

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War was no reason for abandoning the arts. These popular lunchtime recitals had the added advantage of avoiding the blackout.

in view of the number of those who were standing, and the acoustics were at any rate sufficiently good to enable all the passage-work in the slow movement of the Appassionata to be clearly heard at a distance. The presence of a large audience absorbed any excess of reverberation from the marble floor. The audience at the afternoon concert was smaller, though there were enough people present to warrant the belief that the leisured as well as the workers are glad once more to hear music. The

acoustics were again proved satisfactory. Plainly the National Gallery, deserted by one Art, has found a new function in the service of another.

WESTMINSTER THEATRE "Music at Night" How good to be in the Westminster Theatre

How good to be in the Westminster Theatre again, one of an eager audience which fills the house and puts thoughts of the groping homeward journey resolutely out of mind. The theatrical experience offered may not be wholly satisfying, for Mr. J.B. Priestley's Malvern Festival play, though now acted and produced with imaginative skill, does not improve with acquaintance, but there is refreshment of spirit in watching a good craftsman struggling with courage and honesty to losen stage conventions that for him and for many others have grown oppressively rigid. Even in its failure to make a complicated statement theatrically effective this dramatic experiment is exciting. Mr. Priestley's aim is to make a three-fold impression — dramatic. poetic, and philosophic. He dramatizes the poetic, and philosophic. He dramatizes the mental adventures of a group of persons listening to the first performance of a piece of music, seeking for human interest in the interweaving of the hopes, fears, dreams, and memories which the music liberates . . .

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Losing focus on the colossus of Rhodes

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hat is killing Rhodes? First of all 1 by Peter Pagnamenta's assiduous research thought it was the co-production ers. Those glowing Hitler maidens rising blight. American money in a British television series almost always takes out the flavour. The alfusive is brushed aside, the obvious is stressed, wellingtons have to be explained as a kind of boot, Waterloo as a railway station in London. The danger is that the theme-park-Britain approach can quickly take over.

That's what happened in The Buccaneers, the BBC's bosomy flop based on the unfinished novel by Edith Wharton, and made in alliance with Boston's WGBH.

Something has to explain such an extensive disaster. On second thoughts, I still blame co-production, but for different reasons. There are not one but three foreign partners involved; the South African as well as the Canadian and American public broadcasters contributed toward

the £10 million it cost Zenith to make the monster series for the BBC. Once that many worthies are involved, each with its own perspective to be accommodated, a sharp focus disappears. Frequent hand-sweeps towards the map of Africa — "Germans here, Portuguese here" and (gesturing from bottom to top) "Cape to Cairo" - help nobody in Pretoria or Peoria.

MADDOX The main problem however. can be summed up in two words: epic drama. Trying to make history into a personal story is risky unless it's Henry V or Gandhi. The dialogues swiftly deteroriates to the "Mr Hitler, I would like you to meet Mr Mussolini" level. The present series is not helped by the fact that Rhodes seems to have been a creep, with a hard-to-dramatise wish not to get married. Instead of all those sub-titled scenes in Ndebele, we would have been better served if they merely flashed "latent homosexual" on the screen

A slow start is a further risk for a blockbuster series. People's Century, another of the BBC's mega-mega co-ventures with WGBH, had to unload a lot of information before it could get going. Its focus telling the events of the century through the eyes of individuals who lived through them - meant starting with the most unphotoge nic people in the world: the extremely aged. What struck the viewer was not that they had stormed the Winter Palace, but that they

That history series, now in its second year, has got better. I found Master Race a more moving account of the Holocaust than Schindler's List but not because of the survivors, heart-rending as it was; rather because of the fresh archive film unearthed

ers. Those glowing Hitler maidens rising like flowers illustrated perfectly the false promise of the new Germany.

In Sunday's Fall Out, the Cold War American propaganda film teaching child-ren to "duck and cover" to protect themselves from Russian hydrogen bombs, was far more informative than the eyewitness

You have to hand it to the BBC for trying to teach history to a generation for whom John F. Kennedy is as remote as Lloyd George and whose response to the phrase "after the war" is "which war?" But to try to sweeten the lesson by personalising it does not work. No one individual is an adequate focus, not even Cecil Rhodes

Trying to pitch to the world market means muting the British perspective, giving short shrift, for example, to the Irish 1916 Easter Rising and the forma-tion of the National Health Ser-

vice. The best approach to history is to tell it straight through archive film, not with expensively hunted-out eyewitnesses or even more expensive phoney dialogue.

The BBC's own internal revolution gathers speed. The splitting of all its functions into two halves, one called Broadcast, the other Production, began this month. "Compared to this," said one scarred veteran,

Producer Choice was just a pimple."

The operation, disclosed by John Birt, the Director-General, on June 6, is actually three revolutions in one. It separates the commissioning of programmes — deciding what to make and when to show them - from the making of them. At the same time, it merges radio with television by sliding the responsibility for radio programmes into these

Also next April — unless stopped by the Foreign Office-led investigating committee — the English-language programmes of the World Service will also pass into the control of these two powerful arms.

The World Service merger, at least, is not a fait accompli. But I shudder at the BBC's ominous words about "bi-media" working at the heart of our efforts.

Matthew Bannister, the new head of BBC radio, insists that radio will not be treated as television without pictures. But can you imagine two such completely separate approaches as People's Century and 20/20: A View of the Century, its prizewinning radio counterpart being tolerated in the bi-media future? I can't. I fear that the co-production blight will become an internal disease.

Blair's speech scores own goal

TONY BLAIR'S evangelical conference speech did not swell the hearts of all his followers. While new Labour was busy slapping itself on the back over its leader's barnstorming address, it apparently went unnoticed that many of the party's Scottish comrades were mightily put out over his use of the "Labour's coming home" theme, a direct from Skinner and Baddiel's Euro 96 anthem for the England football team.

The Glasgow-based Daily Record ignored the soccer analogy in its conference report while The Scotsman grudgingly said Mr Blair had ended with a blatant plagiarism of the unofficial anthem of this year's European Football Championship".

Now it transpires that Mr Blair's laddish reference was also lost on a member of his own Shadow Cabinet, Clare



Short: I don't get it

Short, the Shadow Minister for Overseas Development and not a football fan, mischievously admitted this week that she was mystified by it. "I didn't understand the Labour's coming home thing," she told Radio 4's Woman's Hour. "I had to ask the boys."

 THE National Canine Defence League has come up with a cutting theory for the lack of press interest in its latest advertising campaign. Its posters, featuring the beseeching face of a Great Dane called Diggery, urge dog own-ers to have their pets neutered

under the banner "Scooby Don't. A frisky dog means unplanned puppies".

Press officers were crestfallen when just one photographer turned up for the photoshoot. Selena Make-peace, the head of NCDL's public relations section. blames the weak stomachs of

male news editors. "Normally," she says, "our campaigns get very good nat-ional and regional coverage. I can't believe it's coincidental. When you mention castration to men they get very uncom-fortable: I have seen male journalists positively flinch and cross their legs."

Words and music VICTOR LEWIS-SMITH, the dreadlocked TV critic

variously described as a "comedic genius" and "complete bastard", has been signed up to exercise another of his talents, writing music for TV commercials. Lewis-Smith has already composed the tracks for several TV and radio commercials and programmes and has now joined the agency Music By Design. He said: "In the past I've always declined but MBD is

one in a million and, having said that, just maybe they'll take the gun away from my head." David Mindel, of

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● EMOTIONS are still running high over the toilet paper company Kimberly-Clarks brutal decision to ditch its ad agency, J. Walter Thompson, creator of the adorable Andrex puppy. Staff at JWT are said to be

nothing short of devastated. The company has twisted the knife further by announcing that the puppy will stay — but with Foote Cone Belding: which is now handling all creative advertising for consumer tissue products in Europe. "It just isn't fair." a tearful JWT insider said. "We created that puppy. We worked our butts off on that account?

Bum's the word

BOTTOMS are looming large in the lives of Martini's advertising moguls. Photographs of fat bottoms, thin bottoms, and male and female bottoms are arriving by the sackload at its London offices in response to the latest ad campaign.

Martini has reinvented itself as "the beautiful people's drink" through a series of television adverts. It invited



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viewers to send in pictures of the parts of their body they considered to be most attractive. The best photographs will then be combined to produce a prototype of the perfect male and female body.

Thousands have already as sponded. "At least 50 per cent of the entries have been people's behinds and it's not just women, it's men as well," a Martini spokesman said.

"We want to say to people that we need more legs, eyes, noses and chests. We can't make a prototype of bottoms alone. Oh, and we've had only

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Labour's puppet? John Major

THE LABOUR Party has recruited the services of the Spitting Image team to create a dramatically different party political broadcast (PPB) aimed at stealing John Major's thunder at this week's Conservative Party conference

in Bournemouth. The puppeteer duo of Peter Fluck and Roger Law, who no longer officially work together, have joined forces to produce the special PPB, which is scheduled for maximum impact on the eve of Mr Major's keynote address on Friday.

The broadcast features a full range of latex puppets in a spoof preview of Mr Major's speech, highlighting the Prime Minister's supposed record of failure to date on the five key areas of crime, housing, education, taxation

and economy.

Sources claim that the PPB marks a significant departure from the usual, rather more dreary party political mission statements - being both ADVERTISING

entertaining and likely to hold viewers for longer than the first few frames.

 ADIAND has gone star crazy, with an unprecedented glut of celebrities appearing in advertisements at the moment. In any given commercial break, viewers can see Mel Smith promoting Visa Delta, Billy Connolly plugging the new British Gas affinity card. Nicholas Lyndhurst playing various roles for WH Smith or a veritable galaxy of stars working on

And while Abbott Mead Vickers triumphantly secured Henry Kissinger for an ad for The Economist last week. this week Bartle Bogle Hegarty reveals none other than John McCarthy, the former Beirut hostage, to be the star of the new One 2 One commercials after

PITY THE poor folk down at the Advertising Standards Authority. Not only are they having to deal with the usual tide of complaints from the public, they are also shouldering a swelling number of gripes from within the industry itself.

Recent ASA rulings, culminating in its latest order to stop the Tories demonising Tony Blair, have provoked adfolk to hurl all kinds of accusations at the watchdog, ranging from "po ical bias" through to "lack of teeth" and 'inconsistent interpretation of

Such is the frenzied level of dissatisfaction, however, that wiser, more senior adfolk have felt the need to step in and calm everyone down — in case politicians get wind of the self-regulatory system's shortcomings and start thinking dangerous thoughts about statutory controls.

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reveal that "the campaigns are going to be more disciplined and stage-managed than ever before with a warm, smiley campaign fought on television and featuring the leaders. Journalists who find 'real' stories will be under a lot of pressure from the spin-

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Now it's Trevor the Entertainer

Trevor McDonald, ITN's genial five-nights-a-week presenter, is brushing up his ad-libs ready to host the National Television Awards. Carol Midgley reports

switch on their television sets to see the familiar features of Trevor Me-Donald smiling back at them. Nothing unusual there. For almost a decade the genial Trevor has been a linchpin of News at Ten, fronting it solo five nights a week for the past three years.

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Tonight, however, is different. Tonight we meet not Trevor the Newscaster but Trevor the Entertainer, a journalist turned celebrity whose charm has made him such a housewives lavourite that he has been chosen in preference to the Jonathan Rosses and Chris to host what immodestly describes itself as the number one event in British television: the National

Television Awards. At the age of 56, greying and with no chat show or comedy credentials behind him. McDonald does not exactly fit the usual profile of host for such a razzmatazz ITV event. Nor is his broadcasting style particularly robust or controversial; only last month he was reproached by the Independent Television Com-mission for being "too friendly" in his interview with John Major, a technique the Labour Party less generously described as "fawning".

Producers know that live awards ceremonies can live or die by the ability of an experienced anchorman to sashay with wit through tricky moments. So why, out of all the showbusiness personalities on offer, choose a relative novice to front an event of this magnitude at such an intimidating venue as the Albert Hall? The reason, according to unofficial sources, is that ITV is

perate to keep him. than keen to sign him up and, although denied officially, BBC insiders insist there is more than a passing interest in poaching ITN's golden boy. ITN is rumoured to have hit back by swiftly raising McDonald's salary to £200,000. He has been assured that his portfolio will be widened beyond the world of mere newscasting into more adventurous territory. Last month, true to its word, ITV picked him to host its 1997 programme presentation for advertisers at the London Palladium, a key corporate event. He is clearly a hot property -

The annual party confer-

ical broadcast or a public

washing of dirty laundry.

Either way, as all the parties

know, the real audience for

these annual seaside extrava-

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This time last year, on these

pages. I looked at the parties'

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onight viewers of ITV will illustrated by the fact that he was labyrinthine arguments of the sinaccompanied by not one but two press officers while being inter-

viewed by The Times. Ask him if it is true that he is being pursued by rival channels, however, and McDonald demonstrates that the years of talking to politicians have not been wasted. He knows exactly how not to answer a question. Broadcasting is a very small world. From time to time we all get contacted by other companies, said Trevor the Diplomat. I am happy doing my job at ITN and for the time being I am happy to stay here,"

Does that mean he is not ruling 'Somehow vou have to make

the news sound interesting'

out defecting at some stage? "Well, they might decide they want to change things round in a few years. I really enjoy what I do. It makes the job a lot easier when you are

doing well." He concedes that doing the National Television Awards is a way of satisfying a spot of wanderlust. From time to time it is rather nice to do other things. This one isnice because it is about the industry. It is lovely to be asked.

You do get tired in the job. For instance, today will be a 13-hour day and you can't do too many of those. It's often not until the weekend that you realise how tired vou are. I am not bored with it, though. I still think there is a skill in presenting the news in an interesting way, but if I knew what it was I would bottle it and sell it. I think the trick is that you have to make sure that what you do and say is accessible to people. You have to make it interesting, keep people thinking this is something

they need to know. Obviously it is more difficult when you are dealing with the

gle currency. You are never going to get them jumping up and down in their living rooms shouting. 'Great! it's the single currency', but these are still issues which have to

be dealt with." Since being asked to host the event. McDonald has been practising in his mind how he will present it. "I don't think I make a very good comedian, so I am not going to try to be Bruce Forsyth or Terry Wogan, I have been thinking about it over the past few months and I think I know how I'm going to do it. After doing News at Ten you do begin to lose the nervousness, but this is different, this is entertainment rather than information - it's about trying to convey a different kind of excitement. It is rather

frightening."
The climate is certainly favourable for McDonald's career advancement - newsreaders make present it. Anna Ford was recently publicly criticised for being too aggressive while interviewing Kenneth Clarke on Radio 4's Today programme. Does McDonald agree that interviewers are too

"That is an old argument," he says, following the platinum rule of never snitching on your mates. "It has been said about journalists for years. I remember when Robin Day asked Harold Macmillan a domestic question and Macmillan just looked at him and said, 'Wrong time, wrong place'. There will always be jousts between journalists and politicians."

o would he have done the "gushing" Major interview any differently with the benefit of hindsight? "No. not really. I am a great self-critic and I always go over things I have

"You know when you have done things badly and when you have done things well. You have to learn from that.

"There are different styles of interviews. We all try to be professional to get at the truth. You have to think: what do we want to find out here and what's the best approach to get the information?" ■ The National Television Awards are on ITV tonight at 8pm



Trevor McDonald: "I still think there is a real skill in presenting the news, but if I knew what it was I would bottle it and sell it"

Meet the specialists in party-speak

there are key changes in staff. Joy Johnson has left Labour Real stories are hard to come by during party conference season, says Simon Brooke, because the news is stage-managed by the spin-doctors

after an unhappy stint in charge of rebuttal. The Tories. meanwhile, have acquired a new communications director, Charles Lewington, from the Sunday Express, and Jane Bonham-Carter, the former editor of Channel 4's A Week in Politics, has been appointed the Liberal Democrats' director of media.

before — are serviced by the In terms of party organis-ation, Labour could hardly have had a better week. One journalist compared it to a Tory party conference of the Eighties - high praise indeed. Blair's speech, awkwardly placed on the Tuesday, earned very good reviews even from the Tory press: The best peaking too soon, the parties speech Blair has ever made," were consolidating support wrote Trevor Kavanagh, the political editor of The Sun. a year of campaigning. This while Simon Heffer in the Daily Mail praised the Labour leader's "charisma, sincer-

parties have pulled out all the ity and sheer power". But at times the media A significant change has clearly took the view that good news is no news. "Splits, leaks, been in the parties' communications teams. All of them are arguments - that's real news, now bigger and better resourced (natural at this this is just PR," said one old stage of the political cycle) but hack disconsolately. The frustration of some journalists at having no "real news" was

evident at times: Nick Clarke, presenter of Radio 4's The World at One, appeared almost tetchy about the lack of divisions when interviewing shadow ministers. On Friday, the BBC's One O'Clock News report included a rebellious speech from a young London activist simply because it was rebellious, and Michael White of The Guardian noted that the party's draft manifesto had been passed by an "Albanian"

95 per cent. The Tories this week had no such problems. Indeed, most of their spinning has taken the form of damage limitation. The Ian Greer/Neil Hamilton affair dominated the weekend, and meant that the Prime Minister on Breakfast with Frost, and other senior spokesmen - Stephen Dorrell on Jonathan Dimbleby and Brian Mawhinney on On The Record - had almost no time to lay out any positive themes

for the week. Monday, always



Lewington: Tory voice

difficult for the Tories because their conference sessions do not start until Tuesday, saw more stories in the same vein. together with the news that the former party treasurer, Lord McAlpine of West Green, was defecting to Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party.

However, senior party managers are determined to get onto the front foot and create some good-news stories this week. "The week has been

charted out in news management terms," explained a senior party source. The Cabinet has been informed of this. There is ruthless centralisation and co-ordination of announcements. Those that might not get a big play on the day because they conflict with other big initiatives will be moved forward.

"In previous years there was substance in ministers' speeches but it dribbled out willy-nilly. There will be substantive practical announce-ments which, subject to the House of Commons, will be law before the general election. The contrast between us and Labour is that they make promises while we deliver."

The biggest change this year, however, centres on the Prime Minister. Previously. John Major's personal view was that any interviews would detract from his Friday speech. However, given that his poll ratings remain consistently above those of his party. Tory strategists have ensured

appearance with Sir David Frost on Sunday there was extensive briefing from his speech to party agents on Monday night and today he will take part in an hour-long question-and-answer session with representatives - "a real one" adds the Tory source, referring to Major's all too cosy and much disparaged "in the round" Q&A sessions dur-

that the Prime Minister will be

ing the last election. Similarly. Paddy Ashdown is seen by his team as one of their greatest assets and was also much interviewed during the week. The perennial problem for the Liberal Democrats, however, is that journalists are less interested in their policies and more interested in their strategy, this time whether

they would collaborate with "Certain stories are going to be covered and there is noth-

Tabloids revel in the war of the Windsors

last week of her taped converthe role of a supersoar sations with Madame Vasso. Even with the Labour Parits sale lifted by 100,000. ty conference, Mandy All-wood's loss of her eight babies, Tory divisions on When the Daily Mirror decided to ignore the Duchess last Friday and led in-Europe and an Ulster bomb stead on an EastEnders to report, Britain's bestselling scoop, it got a bigger sales newspapers are still obsessed with Fergie and Di. The Sun boost than The Sun. which led on "Fergie's final shame". has led on royal stories for So one television soap opthe past four days and the era briefly outsold Britain's Daily Mirror was devoting supersoap. Life with the

up to nine pages a day last

Windsors. It is certainly as a week to Fergie and Vasso.
It is an obsession which is soap opera that the unfolding dramas of Diana, Princess of beginning to provoke a back-Wales and the Duchess of lash. Led by Nigella Lawson York, are seen by Anthony in The Times and Henry Porter in The Guardian. Holden, the veteran royal commentator, each Sunday several commentators started as he writes his Monday last week to cry "Enough is column for the Express. enough", and to express sym-"Many readers live their pathy for Fergie and disgust at her treatment by the tab-

lines by proxy and identify with all the Queen's family problems," he says. The Duchess was being treated with "sadism" and "viciousness" and "crucified" "I get hundreds of letters and it's as if my correspondents are discussing characin print, said Lawson. "The ters in a soap opera. The behaviour of desperate royals have now taken on



people, however footish, does not deprive them of the right to be treated with dignity, even if you think they don't According to Porter, a mo-

ment had arrived when we should examine the torment buying the Daily Mirror and The Sun. "If we cannot find some sympathy for this distressed and foolish person and thereby reform our gloating taste, we most institute a procedure that allows royalty some peace, to say nothing of their children." That sympathy for the Duchess was echoed by other

commentators, particularly Suzanne Moore in The Independent, who detected in the treatment of Fergie, Allwood and Paula Yates a "profound misogyny" playing itself out

ew revelations, each still more sordid, spill out day by day. On Monday The Sun reported that the Queen had drawn up a deal to pay off the Duchess and make her give up her daughters. Yesterday, still more sensationally, it published pictures recorded on a snooper's video of Diana "frolicking" with

James Hewitt during their affair. Meanwhile, newspapers will be bidding this week for the rights to serialise Fergie, Her Secret Life — in which bids are expected to reach £500,000 and a newspaper buyer is being sought for her official autobiography, also due to be published next month.

Only a few years ago the Press Complaints Commission would have been besieged with complaints about the Daily Mirror and The Sun, as it was when The Sunday Times serialised Andrew Morton's book, Diana. Her True Story. Yet there was only a handful of complaints to the PCC about the Daily Mirror last week, compared with more than 400 after its anti-German Euro 96 front page, and at 4pm yesterday there had been no complaint about The Sun. Either there has been a coarsening of public sensitivity or the

them right.

There is a hypocrisy in our criticism of the tabloids. We condemn only after we have

ing you can do about that," Fergie are often the agents of tabloid stories and bring

their "crucifixion" upon

themselves. Yesterday The Sun defended its decision to publish by arguing that any embarrassment to the Princess was tiny compared to her satisfaction at knowing she was right about the dirty tricks being played on her. The Princess can draw one consolation from this nasty mess," it said. "At least she's well shot of the Windsors and the dirty snoopers." You can understand the message within that sentence by reading between the lines.

Only the Editors of The Sun and the Daily Mirror know the sources of their stories, but many of us would be surprised if we knew who they were. The tabloids have become agents in the war of the Windsors and subsequent history has proved

avidly read every new revelation but Lawson. Porter and Moore are right. We do gloat and the papers are becoming sadistic, but mercy is in short

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NEWS

Back Major, Thatcher tells Tories

■ Baroness Thatcher threw her backing behind the Prime Minister at his time of greatest need, declaring that it had never been more important to return the Conservatives to office and John Major to Downing Street

She delighted Tories by putting aside past differences to urge the party to unite and "get cracking" to beat Labour. Lady Thatcher's message was just what party managers had been praying for ..

French fashion houses choose Britons

■ John Galliano, the son of a South London plumber, is to become head of Christian Dior, while Alexander McQueen, an east London taxi driver's son, has been offered Givenchy. This would leave two of the biggest French couture houses in the hands of British designers.

£12,500-a-week pupil

An inner London council is paying £12,500 a week to keep open a boarding school Enborne Lodge near Newbury, Berkshire, with .. Page I 38 staff for one pupil....

Bomb clues

Army investigators examining the breach of security at Thierval barracks in Lisburn are hopeful that video film will establish which vehicles were used in the terrorist bomb attack.......Page 2

Royal video hoax

Video pictures apparently showing Diana, Princess of Wales cavorting with James Hewitt were revealed as a hoax. The Sun. which published stills, said it had been fooled

Housekeeper stole

A housekeeper stole cherished possessions from her aristocratic employer after he married because she felt that her job had been diminishedPage 4

Valley restored

A family has spent 26 years restoring a ravaged Cumbrian valley, more than two centuries after their ancestors sold it to a lead mining companyPage 5

Asylum defeat

The Government suffered another defeat at the hands of the judiciary when a High Court judge ruled that asylum seekers may claim benefit under the National Assistance Act.......Page 6 civilisation Page 15

Fewer vicars

Large parts of Britain face a future without a parish priest, according to a report which discloses a recruitment crisis in the Church of EnglandPage 10

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Bob Dole, desperate to boost his electoral appeal, is expected shortly to announce that Colin Powell will join his Cabinet if he wins the White House Page 11

Four dle in crash

Four people were killed and more were feared dead when a Russian Antonov 124 transport plane crashed half a mile short of Turin airport in driving rain, ploughing through a farmhouse and leaving a trail of devastation in its Page 12

French scandal

A French chemicals company may have played a role in the manufacture of poison gas used to murder millions of Jews in Nazi death camps....... Page 13

New Afghan fighting

Fighting broke out for the first time between the Taleban Islamic militia and the forces of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord who controls six northern Afghan provinces Page 14 Conductor's role

China's leaders have enlisted the help of a Peking bus conductor to boost their drive for "spiritual

Cuba asked to return half of Chelsea

■ The National Trust is trying to persuade Cuba to sell half of a Canaletto canvas that was cut in two by the painter to make it more saleable. The trust hopes to reunite the two halves of the 18th-century painter's Chelsea from the Thames, one of which is in the National Museum, Havana, and the other in a Norfolk stately home ...



The Princess Royal at a stadium in Sarajevo yesterday meeting British soldiers serving with the peacekeeping force in Bosnia

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Celluloid dreams: These days Francis Ford Coppola is more likely to be found at home tending the family wine business in California's Napa Valley. But he still has plans to have one more "grand cinematic adventure"...........Page 33

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IN THE TIMES

FILMS Geoff Brown sees Robin Williams (left) in Jack, Francis Ford Coppola's new comedy

BOOKS Andrew Roberts reviews Ben Pimlott's The Oueen: Richard Pipes on Mikhail Gorbachev

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dry with sunmy spells but more cloudy in the evening with scattered showers. Wind light to moderate north to northwest. Max temp 15 to 16 deg C (59 to 61 deg F).

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Francis Bacon: He enters the art world at the outset of the second world war with agonising, distorted images of the rawness of

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necessary?

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Tough truths

It is a measure of Michael Hou ard's political success that the grudging applause and calls for the rope which used to greet the Hone Secretary conferences have been

The republican trap

The attack on the Army headqua ters was as unsubtle in its political message as in the callous brutaling it displayed towards the lives of innocent people...

Women and Islam

The rights and role of women society are increasingly going to one of the challenges Islam mg

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A political party is a responsi organism. When its members see crash ahead - as most Tories inthey instinctively begin evasive a tion. Part of that action is to words what other driver might extricate them after, if not before, the crash

has occurred **DOUGLAS HURD** It is now likely that at least seven eight countries will create the em

But this dogged effort, including some once-and-for-all devices, wi not mean that the economies an societies have genuinely and per manently converged Page PETER RIDDELL

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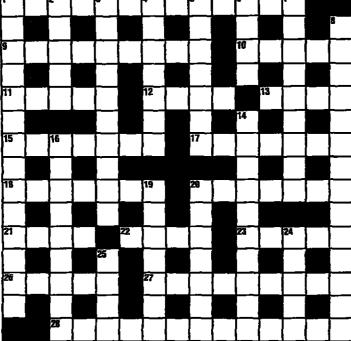
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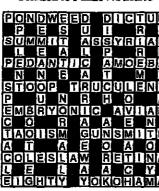
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- go without (5). 11 Enthusiastic about moving queen in opening (5). 12 He's so big and so round (4).
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- 17 Humble sounding estate (7). 18 Drunk in charge after a couple of rounds — and rocky (7). 20 Saw senior scout in lead (7).
- 21 Grasp small branch (4). 22 Shoot enemy in retreat (4).
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26 Contents of tent are sold and go to soldier (5). 27 Submission of educational qualification that's formerly taken

externally (9). 28 Moveable feasts (5.2.6). DOWN

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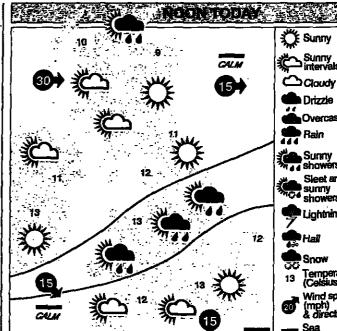
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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British companies pour millions into electing Dole

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BRITISH companies are spending millions of dullars helping Boh Dole to reach the White House and the Republican Party to preserve its majority in Congress.

Political spending associated with the US subsidiaries of leading British companies has totalled about \$3.35 million during the current election round - which includes the Presidential race and Congressional elections.

Around 60 per cent of this money, \$2.1 million, has been directed towards the Republican Party. while the Democrats have received

\$560,000 from British-owned companies. The balance reflects administrative costs and donations to other political organisations.

Major UK companies are now spending more on supporting American political parties than they are on UK political donations. Political donations made by FT-SE 100 companies declined to just £760,000 last year, compared with a high of £1.14 million in 1991.

A number of companies that have recently ended donations to the Conservative Party are big spenders. These include Glaxo Wellcome. which is the second-largest British contributor in the US, with its

TOP 5 UK DONORS.

BAT industries	\$730.000
Glaxo Wellcome	\$680,000
Price Waterhouse	\$390,000
BPZeneca	\$315,000

related political spending totalling \$680,000 in this election cycle.
The largest British donor in the United States is BAT Industries, which is associated with \$730,000 of political expenditure made by

has flowed from Brown and Williamson to the Republican Party.

fornia-based insurance business.

subsidiary, and Farmers, its Cali-

The vast majority of this money reflecting the company's battle with the Clinton administration over tough anti-smoking regulations introduced in the summer. A total of 25 British companies

have contributed to US political parties in the past two years, according to documents filed with the Federal Election Commission in Washington. Eight of these have spent more than \$100,000

The other major British contributors have subsidiaries concentrated

in sectors that are highly regulated or have been at the centre of legislative hattles. These include Zeneca and SmithKline Beecham, BP, and Price Shell and Waterhouse,

The most popular candidate with British companies is Jesse Helms, senator for North Carolina, and chairman of the powerful Senate foreign relations committee.

Other candidates who attracted financial support from British companies include Senator Alfonse D'Amato, who has led the Whitewater inquiry, and Thomas Delay, chief whip in the House of Representatives, a fierce critic of the

US Environmental Protection Agency. Under US election law, companies are not allowed to contribute directly to candidates but can contribute through political action committees (PACs), or through "soft

money" donations. Company PACs draw their funds from an optional levy on employees' salaries - similar to the trade union levy system in this country. Soft money payments can come direct from company funds and include donations and services provided to the party executive rather than directly to the candidate.

Clarke blocks £613m payout by Reuters

By ROBERT MILLER AND CARL MORTISHED

and financial information group, was forced to suspend olans to give £613 million back to its shareholders today, after the Treasury closed a legal loophole with immediate effect yesterday.

Kenneth Clarke took the City by surprise when he announced that, in view of the rowing loss of tax through schemes involving companies buying their own shares or paying special dividends, a provision would be included in the next Finance Bill. The move effectively blocks a number of planned cash payouts. Reuters was due to seek approval from shareholders at extraordinary general meeting today for the creation of a new class of special

dividend share. Now the media group will ask shareholders at today's egm to

vatised nuclear-power gen-erator. is expected to

announce today large-scale job losses that could see cuts

of up to 25 per cent of the company's workforce.

The company is set to

make cuts of between 1,300

and 1,500 jobs, claiming it

must reduce costs in a

highly competitive market

nior managers told union

leaders privately of the

It will embarrass minis-

ters at the Conservative party conference in Bourne-

mouth on the day lan Lang,

President of the Board of

Trade, praises Britain's in-

dustrial performance under

The cuts are expected to be concentrated mainly at

the headquarters at Barn-

wood, Gloucestershire, of Nuclear Electric, which with

Scottish Nuclear is one of

BE's two wholly owned subsidiaries. Union leaders

believe up to 600 jobs at

in addition, the unions

Barnwood could be lost.

move last week.

the Tories.

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adjourn consideration of the special share issue. It said the cash payout would be reconsidered when the company's advisers had examined the legislation, which is not expected until next year.

Reuter's novel share scheme, announced last month, is believed to have prompted the Chancellor's decision. The special dividend shares would have allowed the company to hand back net dividends worth 750p per share over three years, thus avoiding payment of extra Advance Corporation Tax.

of their profits outside of the UK, like Reuters, face the problem of paying extra tax under the ACT imputation system as they do not pay enough mainstream corporation tax to offset against ACT payments on dividends.

pany is to announce the

British Energy to

shed 1,300 jobs

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Energy, the pri- understand that the com-

The Reuters special dividend share would have entitled non-taxpayers and pension funds to a tax credit of 150p per share. If all investors had been entitled to the refund the Reuters scheme might have cost the Inland Revenue £153 million.

A number of banks, including Barclays and NatWest. have spent collectively almos El billion this year in special share buyback schemes. Barclays said: "We will continue to use the purchase of our shares as one of the mechanisms for managing the overbank's capital base."

Mr Clarke, who estimated that the Treasury stands to gain an extra £400 million in a full tax year by closing the loophole, said: "We have seen recently companies buying their own shares or paying special dividends in such a way that the proceeds end up almost entirely in the hands of those who are entitled to

payment of a tax credit." In a separate development, advisers to SHV, the Dutch company that yesterday launched a bid for Calor Group, were re-examining the price of the 300p offer, which includes a special dividend of 40p. The offer indicates that the bid is worth 310p to nontaxpayers, including a 10p tax

closure of two training centres — Agecroft in Lanca-shire, and Cliff's Quay in credit on the special dividend. A spokesman for SBC Warburg, which is advising both Reuters and SHV, suggested Ipswich. No cuts are expected at Scottish Nuclear. Tony Cooper, general sec-retary of the 32,000-strong that the Chancellor might be forced to push back the timing Engineers' and Managers of his new ruling to exclude payouts that have already been announced. "This Association, said: "This is appalling news for those amounts to retrospective legislation," he said.

who have to be sacked so that shareholders can enjoy healthy dividends in the Reuters shares slipped 22p, to 755p, on news that the short term. The industry was sold at payout was under threat. a knockdown price after output was artificially boost-Accountants gave a mixed, but generally unfavourable, ed to make the profitable side of the nuclear industry response to the Chancellor's announcement. Ernst & look good on the stock market. We warned that the Young said the tougher tax: rules "go too far", while price for this unjustified and Deloitte & Touche said that "many innocent non-taxpay-ers will also be affected".

unnecessary sell-off would have to be paid by the very staff who made the sale possible," he said. Alistair Darling, Labour's Shadow Secretary to the Trea-sury, said: The failure to close John Battle, Shadow this loophole has cost the taxpayers dear. The privatised **Energy and Industry Minis**ter, said: "Assurances given during the privatisation pro-cess that BE would not need utilities have been one of the to make job cuts on this



Lady Nott, wife of Sir John Nott, the former Defence Secretary. sees off a supply convoy for Bosnia. Contributing companies include Booker, Hillsdown, Tate & Lyle and Northern Foods

Transfers help United as team bill soars

increase of more than 60 per cent according to analysts (Jason Nissé writes).

The salary rise was re-vealed as United announced pre-tax profits down £4.7 million at £16.7 million for the year to July 31. After transfer fees the profits actually rose Pennington, page 27

of incentives under asymmetric infor-

THE player salary bill at Manchester United is to rise by £5 million this year, an £418,000, despite the redevelopment of the Old Trafford stadium cutting capacity. Earnings per share wer

18.4p, down 5p, and a final dividend of 3.6p payable on December 2 makes 5.2p in total, up 16 per cent. The City expects profits to rise to over £23 million this year.

Pennington, page 27

· Eurotunnel back live | Nobel for tax theorist

BY GEORGE SIVELL

EUROTUNNEL shares returned from suspension just 8½p lower, at 105p, when trading resumed yesterday r prning after the announcement of the terms of the rescue plans. The shares traded between 105p and 124p, a far cry

from the all-time high of Ell.64. Analysts said that under the terms of the restructuring the worst-case scenario was that present Eurotunnel shareholders would hold 40 per cent of the equity by 2003.

Monday's £4.7 billion restructuring plan has yet to be approved by shareholders and the syndicate of 225 hanks supporting Eurotunnel. Adacte, a French shareholder group, said it amounted to a "declaration of war" by the banks on shareholders. However, Patrick Ponsolle, Eurotunnel co-chairman, said: Thanks to the financial restructuring, the possibility of a strong increase in the share price in the iong-term can now be envisaged."

BY OLIVER AUGUST

mation". Professor Mirrlees, 60, said: JAMES MIRRLEES, the Cambridge University professor of political econo-'My subject has always been econommy, has won the Nobel prize in ics and human welfare. It is a delight economics for his work on the power to have it recognised."

His concern for the optimium tax level that maintains a person's incenof taxation to motivate.

The Royal Swedish Academy of tive to work is typically a Tory issue, Sciences said it was awarding but he believes tax rates in Britain Professor Mirrlees and William "could reasonably be higher, particul-arly for middle-income earners". Vickrey, a Canadian economist, the E750,000 prize "for their fundamental contributions to the economic theory

Winner hailed, page 26

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Gallaher set for London market listing

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN'S leading tobacco company is heading for a quote on the London stock market after an announcement by American Brands, the US consumer conglomerate, that it is spinning off Gallaher, its UK tobacco subsidiary.

The quote will give the London market its second leading tobacco company following the successful flotation of Imperial Tobacco last week which is now worth just over

Gallaher's sales of 43.62 billion cigarettes worth \$6.5 billion for the year to June 30, make it the UK market leader with top-selling brands such as Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut as well as Hamlet cigars and Old Holborn rolling tobacco. Peter Wilson, Gallaher chairman and chief executive, said the company had high cash flow and the market focus necessary to continue its growth in Britain and Europe. With 39 per cent of the British market, its nearest competitor is Imperial with 37.7 per cent.

Thomas Hays, chairman and chief executive of American Brands, said the move would enhance the value of both new companies which are currently undervalued by investors. American Brands sold its

US tobacco interests to BAT Industries in 1994, "Selling its UK tobacco interests is a logical next step," said Robert Cummins, tobacco analyst at Schroder Wertheim. The group will now change its name to Fortune Brands following the demerger. To reallocate American Brands' outstanding debt, Gallaher will pay \$1.4 billion to

former parent. American Brands share-holders will be issued with new shares in each company with Gallaher shares paying an initial dividend of 77p and Fortune Brands paying \$2. American Depository Receipts in Gallaher will be traded in the US to make the company more attractive to US inves-

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Labour rise An incoming Labour

government would be forced away to establish credibility in the fight against inflation. an independent survey has found. The poll predicts the reaction would be less draconian than the last Conservative rises. Page 26

Last Lucas

The last annual results for Lucas Industries before merging to become Tempus, page 28 | LucasVarity were reported yesterday. Page 27

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Nobel winner hailed by fellow economists

ECONOMISTS last night hailed Professor James Mirrlees, this year's Nobel prize winner, as one of the country's most distinguished academics who is nevertheless almost unknown to the wider public.

"He is a leading economic theorist on a wide range of issues," said Martin Weale, director of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research and one of the Treasury's panel of independent advisers. He avoided macro-forecasting, so he's not as well known as some economísts."

Mr Weale, who once had offices next to Professor Mirrlees at Cambridge, described him as a "slightly austere Scotsman but an extraordinarily nice person".

An economist at the London Business School, who had also worked with him, said: "He probably has the highest status among graduate stu-

Economists singled out for praise the work that he co-wrote in 1974 called Project Appraisal and Planning. "It became almost the bible for people looking to invest in developing countries," said Mr Weale.

Prof Mirrlees, 60, was rather more shy about his success. He said: "It's really exciting solving a problem, a

bit embarrassing to get a prize."

In his research Professor Mirrless

and credit allocation. The academy said: "For example, a bank does not have the complete information about lenders' future income. The owners of a firm may not have the same detailed information about costs and competitive conditions as the manag-

ing director."

He solved this problem with a flash of academic inspiration almost 30 years ago when he cracked a

dents and the profession of anybody live ever met." modelled incentive structures in tax complex formula by William Vickrey, systems, insurance markets, auctions the Canadian economist who is the co-winner of the prize.

Prof Mirrlees spent 27 years at Oxford University and likes reading detective stories. He is a grandee in Britain's economics establishment and was president of the Royal Economic Society from 1989 to 1992.

A widower with two daughters, he was educated at Edinburgh University and Trinity College Cambridge, where he read mathematics.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Perpetual blesses Refuge merger

THE proposed merger of Reluge Assurance and United Friendly looks set to succeed after Perpetual, a leading Refuge shareholder and until yesterday an outspoken critic of the deal, gave its consent. Neil Woodford. Perpetual's senior investment manager, said he had reached the decision after considering the details of a sweetener offered by Refuge to quell a shareholder revolt. The sweetener addressed this concern by guaranteeing current shareholders a share in any surplus assets in part of Refuge's life fund if they were uncovered in the future.

Perpetual has a 7 per cent stake in Refuge. Other major shareholders, Britannic, with II per cent, and Prudential with 6 per cent, have already accepted the improved offer. Refuge shareholders will vote on the offer at an extraordinary meeting next Wednesday.

Greenbank edges up

DIFFICULT markets in Britain and northern Europe held Walker Greenbank, the wall coverings and fabrics group, to a 3 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the six months to July 3]. At £4.4 million they compared with £4.2 million a year ago. Earnings per share were down 4 per cent to 2.42p, diluted by a 3 per cent higher tax rate and a 2 per cent increase in the issued share capital, but the interim dividend is maintained at 1.3p, payable on December 10.

William Sinclair to grow

WILLIAM Sinclair Holdings, the garden products and pet stores group, is poised to make two acquisitions worth up to E15 million. Pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £5.23 million for the year to June 30. Tom Sinclair, chairman, said that with a cash pile of £7.5 million and cash flow of £555,000 it could call on £15 million. Earnings rose from 14.7p to 20.3p. A final dividend of 8p (7.6p) due on November 13 makes a total 8p (7.6p). The shares rose 112p to 174p.

National Mutual soars

NATIONAL MUTUAL became Australia's first publicly listed life insurer yesterday in an impressive A\$3 billion (£1.52 billion) debut on the Australian stock exchange. The group's shares, which had been sold to retail investors at A\$1.50, ended the day at A\$1.80 in fierce trading as those who had missed out on the heavily oversubscribed offer scrambled for stock. The listing paves the way for the planned stock market float next year of Colonial Mutual Life.

Intermediate ahead

INTERMEDIATE Capital Group, the mezzanine finance provider, achieved a 5 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to EII.1 million in the six months to July 31. Core income was up Il per cent to £5.6 million. The company said the buyout market remained active. New lending in the second half has been very strong, producing significantly higher fee income. ICG is lifting the interim dividend 12 per cent to 4.8p a share, payable from earnings that rose to 15.3p a share (14.9p).

Irish exports boom

THE Irish Republic's trade surplus in May jumped to Ir £663 million from Ir£408 million in April, according to Central Statistics Office figures released yesterday. Preliminary figures for June suggest that exports were running at Ir£2.64 billion, with imports at Ir£1.73 billion, giving one of the biggest trade surpluses — Ir £910 million — in recent years, the CSO said. The May export figure of Ir £2.489 billion was 5 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

Brit buys Lloyd's agency

BENFIELD & REA Investment Trust (Brit), the Lloyd's investment vehicle chaired by Matthew Harding, vicechairman of Chelsea FC, has teamed up with Electra Fleming to buy Stewart Syndicates, a Lloyd's managing agency, for an undisclosed amount in shares and cash. Brit and Electra Fleming are working in partnership with Stewart Syndicates. ☐ The first writs against names owing £500 million to Lloyd's are due to be issued at the High Court today.

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Contract for M40 awarded

Britain's biggest "priva-tised" road contract, a E100 the London to Birming-

ways Agency.
The 30-year Private Fi-nance Initiative contract was won by the UK Highways M40 consortium, which has Hyder Welsh as a 40 per cent shareholder. Other backers are Tarmac. John Laing and two French companies.

Profits down

Lyons Irish Holdings, the tea group based in the Irish Republic in which Unilever has a 75 per cent interest, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits for the year to August 17 to IrE8.5 million from IrE9 million. Earnings per share fell to Ir24.59p from Ir24.64p. A final dividend of 1r5p, payable on December 13, lifts the total to Iri28p from Iri235p.

The role played by Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, the accountants, in drafting Jersey's fimited liabity partnerships law is to be investigated by a committee of inquiry. Although the law was approved by the States of Jersey two weeks ago, the use of London QCs in its drafting, alleged to have cost the accountancy firms in excess of £1 million, has raised concerns.

Sir Gerald Whent, 69, is to retire as chief executive of Vodafone in December after 13 years at the helm. He is to be replaced by Chris Gent. 48. an executive director of Vodasone Group and managing director of Vodafone Ltd, its UK arm.

Laura Ashley, the clothing and furnishings retailer, is to take direct control of its distribution from Federal Express at a cost of about Il million. There will be

million widening and maintenance franchise for ham M40, was awarded yesterday by the High-

Law inquiry

Bowing out

Ban lifted

British Gas has lifted the ban on people over 70 owning its Goldfish credit card. The card's launch a month ago provoked a row with the 100,000-member Association of Retired and Persons Over 50, which "unjustified bias against older people".

Ashley move

no redundancies.

Labour 'would be forced to raise interest rates'

AN INCOMING Labour government would be forced to raise interest rates straight away to establish credibility in the fight against inflation, an independent survey says.

The poll conducted by Reuters, which includes forecasts from 32 banks, think-tanks, and universities, predicts Labour's reaction would be swift but less draconian than the last Tory rate rises.

The average base rate forecast is for a rise to 6.6 per cent in September 1998 from the current 5.75 per cent. But a rise above 7 per cent under a Labour Chancellor has not

been ruled out. Alex Garrad, of UBS, said: "They'll inherit a consumer boom that has been stoked up by the Chancellor. We think they will have to raise rates higher and more aggressively than they would otherwise have done because of the timing of the election in the

economic cycle." Many economists believe a rate rise is inevitable whatever the election outcome after months of tension between the Treasury and the Bank of England over the appropriate level of borrowing costs.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is said to have held down base rates for political reasons to help a consumer constrained by next year. But economists are divided over the extent to which economic recovery has filtered through to consumer spending, which means a higher inflation risk.

John Young, of Sanwa Bank, said: "Optimists on inflation argue that falling producer price inflation still has to feed through to the retail level. But I think we are seeing a return of the 'feel-

good factor'." Mr Young added: "Labour is trying to sell itself as the party of financial stability. If they did face an environment of rising inflation and didn't do something about it in the first part of their parliamentary term, their credibility in the markets would diminish pretty quickly.'

David Martell. left. Trafficmaster's chief executive, and Bill McIntosh, finance director, are in talks with four car manufacturers interested in the company's traffic jam warning system. In the six months to June 30, Trafficmaster suffered pre-tax losses of £1.42 million (£1.21 million). There is no interim dividend

The survey was conducted against the backdrop of a Labour lead in the opinion polls. However, a rise in rates is still thought likely even under a Conservative government because of strengthening consumer spending.

Economists see few real differences on macro-economic policy between Labour and the Conservatives, predicting broad continuation of present policies regardless of which party is in power.

Car insurance underclass being frozen out, says AA

By Marianne Curphey

AN UNDERCLASS of uninsurable drivers is emerging in Britain because insurance companies are actively cherry-picking low-risk motorists.

the AA claimed yesterday. The practice, which runs contrary to the concept of insurance as providing a pooled risk. affects young and inexperienced drivers, and those in professions deemed

to be "high risk". AA Insurance Services says the market is polarising and the Government may have to intervene to force insurance recovery that will have to be | companies to provide cover for

some drivers. Rebecca Hadley, of AA Insurance Services, said that while comprehensive rates generally had risen 6 per cent since July and for some "average" drivers had not changed, insurers were refusing to quote or quoting extremely high premiums to discourage some high-risk

drivers in inner-city areas. She said: "We are concerned that we may see a situation develop where an underclass of uninsured and uninsurable drivers decide they cannot afford cover. "Direct insurers are torn

between trying to increase their customer base and not wanting to take on high-risk

"We do not want the situation to become as bad as California, where the Government had to intervene to prevent whole districts being red-lined by insurance com-

panies." she said. The AA says that household rates have also gone up: buildings insurance rose by 1.2 per cent over the past

State funds for Alitalia facing EC scrutiny FROM LEYLA LINTON

IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission is expected to announce today an investigation into whether a 3,000 billion lire (about £1.25 billion) restructuring plan by Alitalia, the Italian state air

line, breaches EU rules.
The Italian Government had hoped to avoid scrutiny by claiming that it was acting in the same way as a private investor and that the capital injection did not count as state aid. But the Commission has rejected the claim. "If it is not a market investment it is by definition a state subsidy," an official said last night.

However, she emphasised that it was possible the rescue plan could be compatible with EU guidelines on state aid to the aviation sector. These include the requirements that the capital injection should be for restructuring costs to return a company to commercial

The Commission has the power to veto state aid that it feels would harm competition. Alitalia incurred losses of 212 billion lire last year and it is believed that the company faces bankruptcy if the rescue plan does not go ahead.

A spokeswoman for Neil Kinnock, EU Commissioner for Transport, said that the investigation would be conducted as quickly as possible.

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A gross misuse of public funds

ABOUT time too. The only fair complaint against the Chancellor's attack on the gross dividend scandal is that it has taken him at least a year too long to close a loophole so large that it must be visible from outer space. The Inland Revenue, so deft at plucking numbers from the air plucking numbers from the air, reckons yesterday's change will eventually save £400 million a

year. Yet share buybacks during 1996 alone appear to have attracted about £750 million in tax subsidies. Over two years, buy-backs and special dividends paid in takeovers have probably extracted £1.75 billion from taxpayers for big pensions funds. The glaring abuse of tax breaks evident in several electricity takeovers and Lloyds Bank's bid for TSB was taken a stage further in Granada's offer for Forte, which had an alternative for those who could not exploit the loophole. The Treasury seems to have been stirred at last from torpor by the ingenious high-dividend share scheme de-vised by SBC for Reuters. This

Such ruses exploit tax rules on distributions, which cover anything going from a company to its shareholders except for function worth preserving.
demergers or repayments of Rightly, the Revenue has not nominal capital. Advance attempted to interfere with spe-

converted state subsidies from a

one-off injection into a regular

annual transfusion, siphoned

corporation tax covers the basic cial dividends paid to all dividend tax due from share-shareholders. If companies think holders. High-rate taxpayers pay more. But exempt holders such as pension funds, charities and people below the income tax threshold can claim the imputed dividend tax back at 20p for every 80p of net dividend.

If a distribution can be con-centrated in their hands, then taxpayers have to subsidise the payout. So share buybacks were targeted at big pension funds (smaller charities and low-in-come investors not being worth bothering about.) Funds were eager to co-operate since they earned a premium paid by the Exchequer. Indeed, fund man-agers desperate for short-term gains blackmailed many a com-

pany to pay up.

Tax-driven schemes distort
behaviour and corrupt standards. Takeovers featuring special dividends were designed to give some shareholders more than others. They should have been outlawed by the City Takeover Panel if it was fulfilling a

that is the best use of their money, there is nothing to stop them continuing to give it back. Even share buybacks remain feasible but, without subsidies, fewer will be justified in the interests of all shareholders.

Even members of pension funds, short-term beneficiaries of the gross dividend loophole, should not mourn its passing. Such gross abuse would have given powerful ammunition to the many enemies of pension funds' legitimate tax privileges. The sooner the corruption was cut out, the better.

A brake on the great uninsured

☐ ANYONE who, as a relatively new driver, has tried shopping around for car insurance knows that premiums vary wildly. This company will not quote at all for on-road parking. That one offers a contemptuous £1,000-plus a year on a car worth little more than five times' that, a polite way of saying get lost and take your



custom with you. But a third will happily provide reasonable cover, and throw in a couple of years no-claims bonus as an incentive if you are lucky.

This disparity suggests an industry out of killer with mar-

ket forces. Theoretically, in-surance should be available to us all, but at a price that reflects our respective chances of being involved in a pile-up or having our car stolen. The principle of pooled risk requires all to be treated fairly, not charged exactly the same premium. This is why the no-claims bonus evolved in the first place, to reward those who kept their noses and bump-

The AA is concerned that the refusal by insurers to offer

wonders where they have been, because that underclass already exists. Car insurance is so expensive that it is seen as an optional extra in some areas, which is why the Mutual Insurers' Bureau exists, paid for by the industry and so by legitimate policyholders, to provide restitution for law-abiding souls in collision with the great un-insured. The AA also worries

that the Government may have

to step in to prevent insurance companies discriminating

against bad drivers. What on earth is the Govern-ment meant to do? If insurers are compelled to provide cover for all, premiums for careful drivers will inevitably have to rise as the companies are forced to crosssubsidise, which hardly seems equitable. If whole fleets of beat-up Cortinas and white contractors' vans are driving without insurance, then that is a matter for the courts. The truth is that the police are too busy or too uninterested to take action, and the penalties insufficient to deter.

affordable cover to those who are clearly poor risks is creating an underclass of uninsurables. One wonders where they have been,

Electronic turnstiles beckon for United

☐ RYAN GIGGS, the precociously talented Welsh winger, is about to add upwards of £500,000 to Manchester United's wage bill. The footballer is in the last stages of negotiating a new contract that will tie him to the Premiership club for at least four years, at a cost of at least £1 million a year.

Over the past few months United has renegotiated contracts with eight of its team and signed five more new players on ig-term deals at an extra cost of £5 million a year. Because of an obscure Belgian footballer's European Court case, any player out of contract can leave a club and no transfer fee is payable. United wants to keep its stars and is willing to pay top dollar, so if they leave in the next couple of years the club gets the sort of inflated sum which Newcastle United had to cough up when that club paid £15 million for Alan Shearer.

United has also been canny because players' salaries are soaring as their Arthur Daleyesque business advisers have persuaded their semi-literate charges to cash in on the new TV. sponsorship and kit deals being

struck by the big clubs.
United has just signed a five-year deal with Umbro, reputed to be worth over £50 million. The club can expect about £7 million from TV rights this season and more than £10 million next, and is in talks with the likes of Granada and Nynex about a possible cable channel. Once pay-per-view TV comes in the income could be even higher — if an average match gets two million viewers paying a fiver each, and the income is split and the clubs, and then equally between the clubs, the average take-per-game for United would be £2.5 million. Even at full 55,000 capacity, gate receipts at United's Old Trafford ground

are just £1.4 million a game.
Which all explains why United has a market value of £280 million, or five times last year's turnover. No other club comes close. But then none other is a fifths of its supporters from outside its local area.

LucasVarity stake sold for £129m to mystery investor

A MYSTERY investor is believed to have taken a £129 million stake in LucasVarity, the recently merged car components manufacturer.

The block of 52.25 million shares, a stake of 3.65 per cent, was sold yesterday by the Lucas pension scheme. The shares were bought by stockbrokers at SBČ Warburg, acting, it is thought, for a

The scale of the purchase

THORNTONS, the choco-

late and toffee manufacturer

and retailer, has revealed an

ambitious £30 million plan

to open 90 shops by 2000, creating 550 full-time jobs. It

hopes to lift its share of the

premium chocolates market

At the same time, Thorn-

tons reported that a £22

million exceptional charge

pushed the company into

the red. It made a loss of

E13.8 million in the 12

months to June 29, com-

pared to a £10.5 million

profit in the previous year.

posal of its Belgian and

French subsidiaries and the

closure of some manufactur-

The company is increas-

ing its capital expenditure

by £10 million per year, to an annual £17 million, for

three years to cover the cost

of the refits and openings

which will take the chain to

359 shops. Immediate plans

are for 43 new and resited

shops and 60 shop refits

Excluding exceptionals. the company's profit fell to £8 million (£11 million). Rog-

er Paffard, chief executive,

before Christmas.

ing facilities.

The charge covers the dis-

from 12 to 21 per cent.

£30m expansion

By Sarah Cunningham

handful of the largest investment managers. The alternative explanation is that the stake has been bought by a rival company in the motor industry.

Lucas Industries, long seen as a takeover candidate, was briefly the subject of a bid in June, when BBA, the engineering group, attempted to block the company's merger with Varity, an American manufacturer of brake systems. BBA

said that the hot summer of

1995 had hit sales. The

company is now strength-

ening its all-year-round

products and developing its

day-to-day ranges, he said. This includes efforts to boost sales of ice cream.

chocolate bars and prod-ucts aimed at children.

Sales in the first few weeks

of this year are strongly

Thorntons also an-nounced that it is to change

its bonus scheme for direc-

tors. The executive share

option scheme is being replaced, subject to share-

holders' approval, by a

long-term incentive plan.

This will give senior man-agers and directors maxi-

mum annual bonuses of 50

ahead of last year.

Alan Rubenstein, director of Lucas Pensions Investment Management, said: "We were considering the exact timing of the disposal when we received a very fortuitous bid." The Thorntons plans

price paid for the shares was 246 p each. The share deal came as Lucas Industries reported better than expected annual results - the last pre-merger figures. Ignoring exceptional costs, pre-tax profits for the year to July 31 rose 41 per cent

offer under pressure from its

The Lucas pension fund has

which dates back to the 1950s.

However, the precise timing of

Warburg, who called the pen-

sion fund's manager yester-

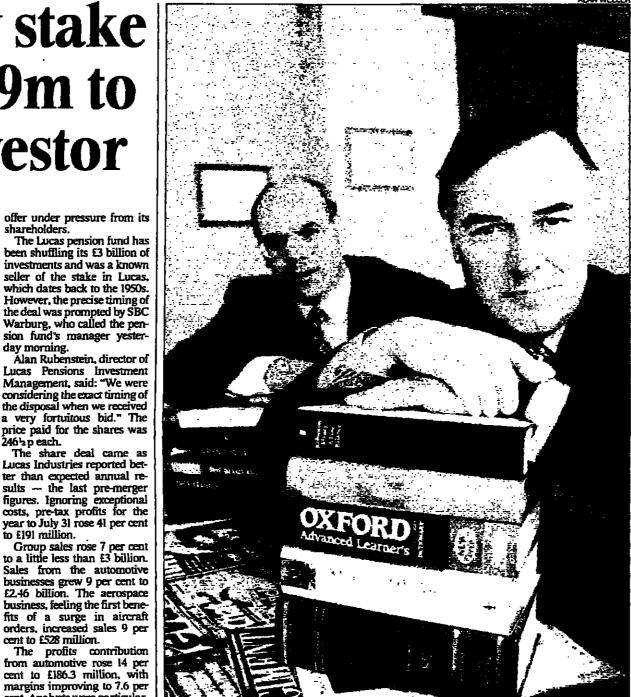
to £191 million. Group sales rose 7 per cent to a little less than £3 billion. Sales from the automotive businesses grew 9 per cent to £2.46 billion. The aerospace business, feeling the first benefits of a surge in aircraft orders, increased sales 9 per cent to £528 million.

The profits contribution from automotive rose 14 per cent to £186.3 million, with margins improving to 7.6 per cent. Analysts were particularly impressed with the recovery in aerospace, where profits doubled to £46.7 million and margins improved to 8.9 per

Lucas reported earnings per share of 12.1p. In the previous year, exceptional costs, includ-ing an \$88 million settlement of a dispute with the US Government, pushed the company to a loss of 3.8p. Varity also reported results.

per cent of salary in shares if earnings-per-share com-pound growth reaches 14 per cent plus inflation, with 1994-95 as a base, for three Second-quarter operating profits edged higher to \$52 million (£33.3 million), held The final dividend has been maintained at 3.8p and is payable on Novemback by weak European markets.

ber 29. It gives an un-changed full-year dividend LucasVarity is not paying a final dividend because it had earlier declared two interim dividends amounting to 7p. Tempus. page 28



Miles Emley, chairman of St Ives, front, with Brian Edwards, chief executive

St Ives delivers 19% advance

By NOEL FUNG

ST IVES, the leading British printer of The Bible and the Queen's biography, achieved a healthy 19 per cent growth in full-year prof-it to £42.2 million in line

with market expectations.

Buoyed by increasing business in direct mail and commercial work, turnover shot up by 24.5 per cent to £328.8 million.

Since the company had to supply the paper in direct deferred launches of new response and commercial titles and volatile pagination

changes. Miles Emley, chairwork, increased turnover depressed the profit margin man, said: "This was the slightly from 13.5 per cent in market least kind to us." The 1995 to 12.8 per cent in 1996.

This booming revenue stream accounted for 30 per poor performance of the mag-azine division was more than mitigated by other business cent of turnover last year, a lines that showed strong growth - books and financial jump from 10 per cent two

printing, each making up 15

per cent of the company's The company's second major revenue contributor, mag-azine printing, recorded a drop in profit, struck by deferred launches of new The final dividend will be 7.1p, making the total dividend payout for the year 10p, an increase of 17.6 per cent.

Dutch raider puts spoke in Reed bid for Blenheim

By Jason Nissé

yesterday put a spoke in the increasingly complex wheel of negotiations over the future of Blenheim Group when it bought a 15 per cent stake in the company in a dawn raid, paying 500p a share.

The raid forced Blenheim shares up to nearly 500p but they fell back after VNU said that it was not going to bid in the short-term. The shares ended at 464p, up 28½p, valuing Blenheim at more than £440 million.

VNU is likely to increase its stake next week, possibly up to

29.9 per cent. The move suprised Blen-heim's board, which said that it did not encourage the raid because it was in talks with Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch media giant that was expected to make an offer at

480p a share. Reed is now reconsidering its position but insiders believe it may still make its 480p offer in an attempt to squeeze VNU into making a firm move. A spokesman refused to comment about

Reed's intentions. Other bidders are also in the background. United News & Media called off talks with Blenheim a couple of months ago but a US group, believed to be K-III, is understood to be interested. Maarten Schikker, a direc-

tor of VNU, said the company was interested in expanding into the exhibitions business and had been looking at Blenheim since the summer. Though the company would not bid in the short-term unless someone else put in an offer, this could change in a year or two, he said. "It is part of our long-term investment strategy to expand into exhibi-

Reed had been in off-and-on talks for some months. How-ever, the price had been a sticking point with Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, who is pushing for molre than directors of the company

VNU, the Dutch publisher, speak for more than 30 per

cent of the shares and would emerge with personal fortunes in the tens of millions should a bid go through.

Blenheim's shares have been spurred on by the potential bid interest in the company. They stood at 330p before it revealed it was in bid talks with United, and were as low as 174p two years ago after a series of profit warnings.

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M&C pays £81m for Britannia

By Eric Reguly

MILLENNIUM and Copthorne Hotels yesterday paid £81 million for the Britannia Hotel in London, marking its first purchase since its April flotation, and said it expects to make more acquisitions in the near future.

Millennium bought the four-star, 318-room Britannia in Mayfair from Inter-Continental Hotels and Resorts, the Japanese leisure group. The hotel made an operating profit of about £5.3 million in 1995 on turnover of about £17 million.

The purchase was fundraise Millennium's gear-ing from 34 per cent to 50 per cent. Peter Taylor, Millennium's UK regional director, said about £3.5 add a ballroom and func-

tion room to the Britannia. The acquisition expands Millennium's British port-folio to 16 hotels. It has another five in Europe and

318p, up 2½p on the day.



Shares slow down a Clarke hits tax cre

stock market staged an impressive 42-point turnround to end the day in positive territory having briefly dipped back through the 4,000 level.

The news that Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was going to end the tax credits on special divi-dends and share buybacks prompted an initial markdown. Among the worst hit, at first, were the banks and utilities with London Electricity down 24p at 605p, Barclays 712p at 967p and PowerGen 9p at 480 2p, although they managed to close above their worst of the day. Reuters finished down 2012p at 757p and later moved to suspend a special dividend payment worth £613 million to shareholders.

The move by the Chancellor had already been widely anticipated and, as brokers pointed out, only affects pension funds. This, combined with an opening rise on Wall Street. enabled London eventually to regain its poise with the FT-SE 100 index finishing 4.1 points up at a fresh record closing high of 4.035.6.

The future of Blenheim, the exhibitions group, was thrown into even more confusion after VNU, the Dutch publisher. splashed out nearly £70 million, snapping up almost 15 per cent of the shares in a

By the close of business it had acquired 13.99 million shares at 500p each as the price touched 496p before closing 2812p higher at 464p. VNU said it had "no current intention" of launching a full bid for Blenheim. Others seem less convinced.

Blenheim is believed to have reopened bid talks recently with Reed Elsevier. United News & Media, publisher of the Daily Express, is another company said to have expressed an interest in Blenheim. UN&M advanced 16p to 67512p on the back of this

latest turn of events. A profits warning left On Demand Information nursing a fall of 3212p at 110p. The group says that continuing product investment will delay the company becoming profitable. It was unlikely the group would make a profit in the

current year. Eurotunnel returned from suspension just 7p lower at 108p after publication of the equity-for-debt swap thrashed out with the banks. After



Martin Edwards, of Manchester United, yesterday

touching a low for the day of 10212p, the price closed at 105p, a fall of 10p. Brokers appeared impressed with the resilience shown by the shares considering that existing shareholders are likely to be so heavily diluted.

Racal Electronics was left 1412p lower at 276p after talking to brokers earlier this week. The company failed to ly merged LucasVarity received a lukewarm reception leaving the price 212p lighter at 247p by the close.

Dealers later reported a large put through of 52.2 million shares, or 3.65 per cent, at 24612D. The shares belonged to the Lucas employees pension fund and reduces

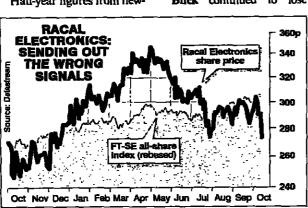
its stake to 1.17 million. Better than expected profits

Burtonwood climbed 10 2 p to a year's high of 185p on talk of a bid. But brokers who follow the company say they had been warned to expect the shares being tipped in several publications over the weekend in an attempt to squeeze the price higher. Cazenove will only quote price and size in 1,000 shares at a time.

live up to their expectations and a number of profit downgradings are expected to follow. Radio communications has been a dull spot although its marine and energy and defence interests have lived up to expectations. The group is hoping to win a major order on the defence telecom side from the Ministry of Defence

Half-year figures from new-

news at St Ives was rewarded with a rise of 1412p at 46212p. Even last year's league and double winner Manchester United put on 2p at 45312p despite a profits downturn. Martin Edwards, chief executive, blamed the setback on a rising wage bill and the loss of revenue from developing its new main stand at Old Trafford. Blick continued to lose



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the Korean group and expects to build more than 3,000 homes in the area over the next 20 years. The shares rose 7p to 164p. Still reflecting Monday's trading statement, Cobham the old Flight Refuelling, fell a further 23p to 606p. The company reported a sharp increase in first-half profits but warned of a slowdown at

has sold 150 acres of land to

its Westwind subsidiary. The shares have now fallen 61p in the past two days. Bu brokers like Henderson Crosthwaite say the problems at Westwind were already known. It feels the selling has been overdone and still rate

the shares a buy.

Merivale Moore finished 1212p lower at 50p after revealing details of its proposed restructuring. It follows a drop in profits before tax last year at the property developer from £2.2 million to £762,000 and a cut in the final dividend. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices recovered from an early setback to close higher on the day. Brokers say there is still a build-up of funds outside the market-place but investors are looking for signs of weakness committing before

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TEMPUS Smoke signals

former Hanson tobacco subsidiary, has taken the limelight from rival BAT, the arrival of Gallaher on the stock market could threaten to push Imps from the prime pitch.

For a declining industry, tobacco is attracting quite a following among investors, and American Brands, the owner of Gallaher has clearly seen an opportunity to rid itself of a business that was unfairly being dragged into concerns about US litigation. The warm welcome received by Imperial has convinced the American conglomerate that Gallaher's British tobacco operations would achieve a better valuation on the London market than within the American Brands portfolio.

There are other reasons why Gallaher should do well on its flotation. In addition to having the largest market share in Britain.

IF THE flotation of Imperial Group, the the company owns the top two brands in the UK. Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut and has made more extensive investments abroad Over a third of its sales are outside the UK while Imperial has little presence overseas. However, of the three tobacco companies. imperial is the most profitable.

But what is likely to drive the stock to a premium is bid speculation. Imperial's current rating rests on the expectation of a bid. possibly from BAT.

Gallaher, however, is the more attractive target and could supplant Imperial in that role. Unfortunately the bid story lacks credibility given BAT's current locus on investment in developing countries, the only growth market for tobacco. For long-term investors, BAT remains the only sound tobacco investment

chance to grow. The next

logical step — but one it has not said it will take — would

be to use outside suppliers.

Thorntons' vertically inte-

grated structure is highly

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Thorntons

THORNTONS' plans to restructure and expand the business sound coherent and in many ways look attractive but the strategy is not without risks. Success is heavily dependent on continued growth in consumer spending on luxury items.

The new chief executive appointed at the beginning of this year has decided that attack is the best defence so Thorntons intends to open dozens of prime stores on prime sites while moving old stores in bad positions on to better sites. The company reckons this could take sales per sq ft from £781 to more than £900, but it will also mean a considerably higher rent bill, which could become a significant burden if the public's appetite for expensive sweets fails to grow in tandem.

logical consequence of its group's strong brand with a new focus on high street lower profile and the risk sales would be to abandon that its value would shrink. Sorting out the retailing arm gives the business the best manufacturing and source THORNTONS: Chocs away?

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LucasVarity

LUCAS INDUSTRIES, the car components maker is in robust financial health as it begins life as part of Lucas-Varity. That is encouraging, but yesterday's figures told investors almost nothing new about future prospects. These will be driven by the scale of the savings and efficiencies to be wrung out of the merger. But management had little to add to the estimates provided

The accepted wisdom has it that Lucas Industries will have to bear the brunt of the restructuring pain. Ironically, it is the American part of the business that is currently finding life more difficult, Varity yesterday reporting only a small improvement in its second-quarter profits.

A great deal is riding on Victor Rice, the Varity boss group's chief executive. Mr Rice enjoys a fearsome reputation, garnered while laying off an astonishing 50,000

DOLLAR RATES

employees. One of his first moves has been to ask LucasVarity's top 150 managers to compete for just 100 jobs, a move that could generate some internal disruption until the incumbents are put out of their misery.

Although the plan is higher risk, it is hard to see what

other route Thorntons could

have taken. Retreating from

the high street and focusing

the business on manufactur

ing would have left the

The performance of Varity's shares has been mixed. They underperformed the US market by nearly 40 per cent during 1994 and 1995, but recovered strongly in the months leading up to the merger.

Lucas can undoubtedly be managed more efficiently, and the group's shares have already enjoyed a decent run on the back of such hopes. Until details of the costcutting becomes clearer, it is too early to chase the shares.

Blenheim

VNU. Dutch publisher, has but paying £70 million for a 15 per cent stake in Blenheim. the voltatile exhibitions group, could be the worst.

The stake was available two years ago for around £30 million. To pay 500p a share, when Reed Elsevier is balking at a price of 480p per share for the whole group, looks ill advised.

But on closer inspection this could be a canny move. VNU is pressurising Reed to bid at a higher price than it intended and so could force Reed out of the reckoning. With Lord Hollick's United News & Media going cold on Blenheim after an interest this summer, VNU could end up as a leading shareholder with time to investigate the company before it decides if it wants to bid. Meanwhile Blenheim's shares may drift downwards and VNU could mop up the remainder for much less than 500p.

The Dutch tend to have more patience than the British. But Reed too has its early resolution of the Blenheim saga seems unlikely.

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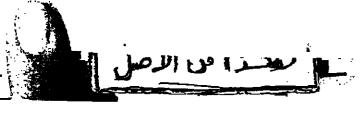
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How US companies provide a flexible helping hand

The complex US electoral rules on party funding and donations are a legacy of the Watergale scandal in the 1970s, The lules were designed to make the system more transparent, but have fallen into increasing disrepute as the parties and interest groups, including corporations, have be-come more adept at exploiting

Companies are not permitted to make direct donations to candidates to help with campaigns but two ways. First, companies can help to constitute political action comresemble the trade union levy in this country in that funds are normally raised through an optional levy on employee wages. The employees also normally elect a committee, constituted indepen-dently of the cumpany, which decides to which candidates the money will be distributed.

making a maximum donation of \$5,000 to individual candidates for each election, including party seleceffect of the tight donation cap has been for PACs to spread their to constitute political action com-mittees (PACs). Corporate PACs money widely among the candi-dates, with Brown and Williamson,



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ing 206 candidates in the current set of elections and Glaxo funding 203.

apparatus is described as soft money and can be donated directly tions on soft money funding are blurred, and soft money donations have risen relentlessly in recent years, prompting criticism of the unhealthy financial relationship between the political parties and interest groups. The growth of soft money has also resulted in vastly increasing the power of the central

party organisations.

Companies can support the parties by providing direct donations for mobilising voters or administration, by offering services for free or by taking a table, costing anything up to \$200,000, at the various fundraising dinners. United Airlines, for instance, sponsored the Democrats

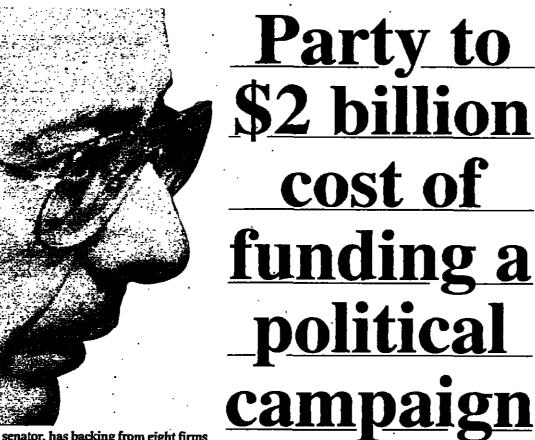
AT&T. the giant telecommunications company, spent more than \$1 million providing free phone services for both party conventions.

In the UK, direct donations to

the parties are still legal, although the 1985 Companies Act requires corporations to disclose any direct and indirect political expenditure in its accounts. Donations made abroad, however, do not need to be declared. But there is



Newt Gingrich was awarded a total of \$11,000 from eight companies



Alfonse D'Amato, the New York senator, has backing from eight firms

he American political system has developed voracious appetite for money. The last combined presidential and congressional campaign cost well in excess of \$1 billion and the expectations are that spending could reach \$2 billion by the time the current election campaign concludes next month.

About two thirds of the money is consumed by TV advertising as candidates use saturation tactics to ram home their message to the voters. The system has been likened to the arms race, with funding based not on need, but with each party building an ever-larger war chest to ensure its rivals cannot spend more.

Corporate funding, whether it is through Political Action Committees or "soft money", has become integral to the US political system. As some companies lavish ever-increasing sums on the main political parties, so other businesses have felt the need to participate to ensure their viewpoint is hard. The tobacco companies are desperate to combat the influence of the vociferous antismoking lobby, while the longdistance telecommunications companies, including AT&T and MCI, have been keen to neutralise the message of the

regional Baby Bells. British companies that own significant US operations have inevitably been drawn into the political sphere. BAT Indus-tries is the largest British contributor to US political parties. Spending associated with its two main US subsidiaries, Brown and Williamson, the tobacco company, and Farmers, the insurer, total \$730,000 during the current election

cycle.
Michael Prideaux, of BAT, is quite clear about the necessity of the company becoming a player on the Washington stage. All US companies make political donations." he says. "It is the whole way of doing business in the US and reholders expect us to behave like other companies."

It is difficult to relate directly corporate political spending with benefits. But, invevitably, those companies involved in politically sensitive or heavily regulated sectors have been the biggest spenders in recent years. The tobacco industry

has donated about \$20 million over the past ten years. But the level of spending has more than doubled since 1993, when the legal and legislative battles over tobacco regulation were renewed with presidential backing for anti-smoking objectives. Oil and gas com-panies, meanwhile, have spent about \$20 million in soft money seeking to combat tougher environmental legislation and the threat of an energy tax.

The record for political spending success is mixed. The Clinton presidency managed to push through some anti-smoking measures in the summer. On the other hand, the long distance telecommunication companies led by AT&T and MCI, in which BT holds a 20 per cent stake, managed to change a clause in the telecommunications bill that threatened to allow the regional Baby Bells to enter the long distance market without giving up their own local monopoly. MCl has

made donations worth almost \$750,000 in the current election cycle, with much of the spending in the last six months of last year while the bill was passing through Congress.

Corporations, of course, explain the benefits of such spending in terms of access rather than hard legislative achievements. An increasingly popular way to gain access is forking out for fundraising dinners. where business chiefs can rub shoulders with politicians.

Zeneca, the pharmaceutical group, has contributed about \$260,000 to these elections, including about \$120,000 in "soft money". Judith Auchard. of Zeneca's US subsidiary, says: "We usually contribute by taking a table at fundraising events. Politicians will be invited to the table, although we have no control of who will actually see us."

Mr Prideaux is more specific about the need for the company to express its point of view: "For

regulated businesses, it is in their interest to contribute funds. The donations enable companies such as Brown and Williamson to inform debate on the issues such as tax, small government and regulation, vhich affect the company." Most of the money has been channelled recently into the

Alasdair Murray looks at the big spenders in the donation stakes

Republican Party, but unlike inthe UK, where donations to more than one party have been rare, some form of double donation is the norm. In part, this reflects the relatively small political differences between the two main parties. The Democrats are just as eager for campaign money and, with

a relatively modest proportion of the party's needs, it has always fostered links with business. It also reflects the desire of companies to hedge their bets - after all, even on apparently politicised issues such as smoking or healthcare reform, corporations can normally find some Democrats

trade union funding providing

who support their view. Glaxo — associated with spending totalling \$680,000 this election — contributed nearly \$90,000 to the Demo-crats, compared with \$400,000 to the Republicans. The money was donated in spite of a Democrat leading the fight to close the loophole which has allowed the company a threeyear extension on the US patent

of Zantac, its bestselling drug. The company has also faced an investigation by the Food and Drug Administration into prices charged by the pharmaceutical companies to small chemists in addition to the

long-running battle healthcare reform.

The contrast between the situation in the US, where corporate political spending continues to spiral upwards. and the UK could not be greater. British companies have deserted politics, and the Conservative Party in particular, en masse since the last election. About 100 leading companies have severed links with the Tories altogether. The total contributed by FT-SE 100 companies has fallen from a high of £1.14 million in 1991 to £760,000 last year, according to Pensions and Investments Re-

search Consultants, the research eroup. Of the leading British donors in the US, only two, Tate & Lyle and Hanson, are currently making UK donations, totalling just £125,000. They have spent \$3.35 million in the US. Allied Domecq, which last made a donation in 1994, said it no longer gave money in the

UK because it felt it was largely irrelevant because of its status as primarily an international company. But Hirram, Allied's US subsidiary, has contributed more than \$50,000 to this election campaign.

BAT was more specific: "We feel that donations are not as system as they are in the US," explained Mr Prideaux.

The exodus of British companies from political funding can be understood as the American experience in reverse. Companies no longer feel the need to provide money to keep up with their rivals and, given the current controversy surrounding party funding in this country, are often only too firing line. Martin Sutton, of Glaxo, which recently announced it was ending political contributions, said: "One of the company's main consider-ations in stopping funding the Conservative Party was that none of the other pharmaceutical companies provided cash."

This has not, of course, ended all corporate involvement in the political system, as last week's revelations about Neil Hamilton show. In the US, lobbying is also part of the package. The tobacco industry has spent about \$15 million this

year on trying to prevent anti-smoking legislation. Tomkins, which owns Smith and Wesson, the gun manufac-turer, has not felt the need to donate money in the US even though it is one of the few remaining loyal Conservative donors in the UK. The company enjoys the benefits of the powerful National Rifle Association, which lobbies for broadly the same aims. The NRA has contributed \$3.1 million in PAC and soft money, distributed among pro-gun candidates.

A few leading British companies, with important US subsidiaries, have resisted the temptation to become involved in US politics. Cadbury Schweppes adheres strictly to a non-participating philosophy and the PAC at Dr Pepper, its drinks off-shoot, is now dor-mant in spite of heavy spending by rivals such as, Coca-Cola and Pepsi. The jury, however, is still out on whether a course of non-intervention is a wise approach in the dollarcharged world of US politics.



Penny drops a little late

NEVER trust a man who waves a copy of The Penny Share Guide, the newsletter for small investors. This week's copy includes a telling tip: "Or what about top performer Pan Andean Resources? Imag-ine making a return of 680 per cent on an investment of Ei,000 . . . It means that in just 12 months your £1,000 could have made you £5,280 pure profit!"

Well boys, not any more it wouldn't. Pan Andean's share price plunged from 120p to 372p between Monday and Friday of last week. Oh, and the Stock Exchange is currently conducting an investigation into the drastic drop in the

THE Chinese walls will be put to the test today when lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, speaks at the Conservative Party conference. Lang is busy studying the implications of British Airways' pro-posed alliance with American Airlines. He will be joined on the platform by Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, but wearing his Confederation of Brit-ish Industry hat.

B&B culture

THE Bradford & Bingley chief executive, Christopher Rodrigues, has abolished executive car parking at the building society's headquarters in Yorkshire. As an archetypal McKinsey man he also encourages "colleagues" to eat together at the canteen, where his penchant for cucumber and marmite sandwiches has established a cult following. Sporting a white shirt, another mark of a McKinsey clone, Rodrigues explains that because he works McKinsey hours, finding a parking place in the morning is not usually a problem.

JOILY good news from Vodafone on the announcement of its new chief executive; Sir Gerald Whent went and has been replaced by a Gent.

Outside price MY STORY last week

about Michael Kerridge, a deputy tax director at Barclays Bank, appealing against unfair dismissal. never made it to an industrial tribunal. At the eleventh hour, Bardays opted for an outside settlement. Instead, Kerridge will be sent a reference and taxexempt compensation enough to buy another Mercedes.

HAVING been unceremoniously dumped from the Forbes list of the 400 richest Americans during the 1990s when his business empire went into decline — the magazine said his net worth at the time was "within hailing distance of zero" - Don-ald Trump finds himself reinstated in the latest line-up. The magazine says that his fortune is estimated at \$450 million; Trump says \$2 billion.

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Key candidates reap their reward



ator for North Carolina, is the most popular candidate with British companies in the current elections Senator Helms, who, as chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, helped to pass the Burton-Helms aci, was awarded a total of \$26,000 from five different UK

companies.
Glazo Wellcome and BAT Industries both made the maximum permissible donation of \$10,000, which covered both the primaries and the election itself. Senator Helms has been a strong supporter of the tobacco industry, with one out of ten jobs in North Carolina dependent on the industry. Glaxo's US subsidiary is also based in the state.

Another senatorial candidate in North Carolina to receive a contribution from Glaxo is Charles Sanders. Mr Sanders also happens to be a former chairman and chief executive officer of Glazo in the US. Mr Sanders attracted support for the democratic nomination from Zeneca and SmithKline Beecham, but ul-

Helms, the timately he lost in the

Fred Thompson, who became senator for Tennessee after Al Gore moved to the vice-presidency, is the next most popular representative. receiving a total of \$24,000 from eight different companies. Senator Thompson sits on the Senate foreign relations and governmental affairs committees. Brown and Williamson is based in the state, another major tobac-

Mitch McConnell, senator for Kentucky, received \$23,600 from 11 different companies. Senator McConnell sits on the environment and public works committeee and attracted support from Peabody, the coal-mining subsidiary of Hanson (soon to be part of Eastern group). BP

Other popular candidates include Alfonse D'Amato, senator for New York and chairman of the banking com-mittee, who secured \$16,750 from eight different companies. Senator D'Amato has also been leading the Whitewater investigation into

the Clintons' financial affairs and is chairman of Bob Dole's re-election committee. The most supported mem-ber of the House of Represen-

tatives is Thomas DeLay. representative for Texas, who has likened the US Environment Protection Agency to the gestapo. Congressman De-Lay, who received \$16,500 from nine different companies, serves as Republican chief whip. Thomas Bliley, chairman of the House of Representatives

commerce committee, was awarded \$12,000 from seven companies. The commerce committee wields tremendous influence over tobacco-related legislation, and Congressman Bliley has been the top recipient of PAC money from tobacco companies over the past decade. Newt Gingrich, Republican house leader, received \$11,000 from eight companies.

The most popular Democratic candidate is Max Baucus, senator for Massachusetts, who received \$11,500 from five companies. He sits on the environment and public works committee and has consistently opposed a petrol tax rise.



The business cycle takes a holiday

Yes, if you are an investor. Those who follow the bull equity market continue to make serious money almost anywhere outside Asia (where our lentming-like fund managers go on losing large sums). But for economists it is a different story. In the real world, the trend is a Jack-o'-lantern, appearing anywhere except

where you expect it. The US economy is booming? It suddenly weakens. Commodity prices up? No. down. Sterling the sick man of Europe? At the moment, it Jabout the strongest currency in the world. No wonder computer models, still revered in Threadneedle Street, produce such poor results. A 1990s which would have star-

The trend is your friend? mathematician would have tled any forecaster ten years no difficulty in defining what is happening to economic statistics: they are obeying the law of random numbers. This dictates that any pattern you may detect in a series of numbers will be invalidated by the next numbers that come up. However, to define is not to explain.

We may observe that patterns that used to be reliable are suddenly a jumble, but we may still wonder why. That question must be left to the old-fashioned economist not a forecaster, but an analyst. His explanation would have to start by looking for a cause, or causes. It might go something like this.

The two big features of the

ago are the worldwide decline of its cause, the almost world-wide fashion for fiscal rectitude. The decline in inflation has

robbed commercial companies of a once reliable source of cash flow, and made them take an obsessive interest in controlling costs, usually at the expense of their employees: less inflation, less

job security, less cost push and more cautious spending Meanwhile governments have struggled to cut their deficits. Many, since they seem wholly ignorant of much what finance ministers

macro-economics, have failed. What nearly all have "achieved" is a large switch in spending from investment and services to welfare sup-

port; and now they are struggling to cut that. So tax and spending policies have generally had a dampening effect on our spirits, and on activity. Central banks, thanks to the once singlehanded efforts of Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman,

are trying to offset this fiscal drag; but most of them are still doing too little, too late. The sluggish world of the 90s, in short, is pretty

and corporate managers have chosen to make it. But if the world is so constrained, why has it not drifted into outright depression? There are two visible props: investors' hopes and

Japanese despair. Massive money creation by the Bank of Japan, trying to refloat its waterlogged economy, has fuelled monetary growth everywhere; and now the Japanese investor, disillusioned with the Tokyo market, has started to export large private funds. Plentiful liquidity and low(ish) interest rates add up to a bull market; and though some economists still regard the stock market as a sideshow, the economic importance of this bull run is hard

to overstate. Little else has

sustained private confidence; and at that, bull sentiment has only been really effective in the US and to some extent

You may find yourself trying to pick holes in this analysis. I have tried myself. because the thought that the world economy depends on the bull market is frightening enough, and dependence on Japanese policy fashion rather worse.

Indeed, the major lesson of the last decade may be simply this: an economy driven by private decisions about spending, saving and real investment is much stabler than one with the benefit of official management. A thought to frighten policy



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Human Rights Law Report

Community interests prevail over wish of gypsy to live on her own land

Buckley v United Kingdom (Case 23/1995/529/615)

Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, L-E. Pettiti, A. N. Loizou, J. M. Mozenilla, Sir John Freeland, B. Repik, K. Jungwiert and U.

Registrar H. Petzold Deputy Registrar P. Mahoney

[Judgment September 25] The refusal of planning permission in respect of three caravans occupied by a gypsy, her in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights. The interests of the community had to be balanced against the applicant's right to respect for her home as tranteed by article 8 of the Convention.

in the present case, the European Court of Human Rights. by six votes to three, did not find that the national authorities exceeded their margin of appreciation in refusing planning permission which would enable the applicant to live in caravans on land which

The Court also held, by eight votes to one, that as the applicant was not penalised or subjected to any detrimental treatment for attempting to follow a traditional gypsy lifestyle, there was no viola-tion of article 14 of the Convention taken together with article 8. Article 8 of the Convention

"I Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

"2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society erests of national security. oublic safety or the exonomic wel being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights

Article 14 provides: freedoms set forth in the Conven-tion shall be secured without

such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion. national or social origin, association with a national minority.

property, birth or other status." In 1988 Mrs June Buckley acquired some land in the area of Willingham in south Cambridge-

On December 4, 1989 she applied retrospectively for planning permission in respect of three caravans occupied by herself, her children and her mother. That was refused on March 8, 1990 by the district council, which also issued an enforcement notice for the raravans to be removed

An appeal against the enforcement notice was refused by the Secretary of State for the Environment on April 16, 1991. The applicant did not appeal against that decision to the High Court. having been advised by counsel that such an appeal was bound to fail. She was fined by the mag-istrates court on January 7, 1992 for failure to comply with the forcement order.

In February 1992 the applicant vas informed that an official site for gypsies was to be opened nearby and it was suggested that she contact the county council in that connection. She did not. however, make an application.

On January 20, 1994 the county council contacted the applicant suggesting that she reconsider her decision not to apply for a pitch on the official site. She again did not do so. She claimed that the official site was crime-ridden and not a fit place for a single mother with young children to live.

On September 19, 1994 the applicant again applied for planning permission to station her caravans on her land. That was refused by the district council on November 14, 1994.

The decision referred to the number of gypsy caravans already in the area and the provision of facilities for gypsies nearby. It was also considered that the use made and would detract from the rural and open quality of the area. Her rejected by the secretary of state on December 12, 1995.

The application was lodged with the European Commission on February 7, 1992 and was declared admissible on March 3, 1994.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on January 11, 1995 in which it established the facts and expressed the opinion that there had heen a violation of article 8 of the Convention (seven votes to five).

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as

I Scope of case before the Court plicant's complaint under article 14 taken together with

Although the Commission considered the case only under article 8 of the Convention, the Court found that the applicant's additional complaint under article 14 taken together with article 8 was encompassed in the Commission's decision declaring the application admissible and that accordingly it had jurisdiction to examine it see Philis v Greece (The Times December 23, 1991; Series A. No 209, paragraph 56). B Applicant's 'formal objections'

At the Court hearing on February 19, 1996, the UK Government referred to the fact that the applicant had not appealed to the High Court against the secretary of state's decision of April 16, 1991. on February 21, 1996, the applicant's solicitor sought to place on record 'formal objections' to the effect that any preliminary objection raised by the Government on that account should be dismissed as out of time and barred by estoppel: see Rule 48, paragraph 1, of Rules of Court A.

However, the Government had not framed its comment as a eliminary objection. It had cited that fact in support of its conten-tion that sufficient procedural safeguards had been available to the applicant. The Court found that to be an argument going to the

merits, to be considered at the appropriate juncture. II Article 8 of the Convention A Whether a right protected by article 8 was at issue

The Government denied that any of the applicant's rights under article 8 were at issue. In its contention, only a home legally established could attract protection of that provision.

The Court, however, was sat-isfied that the applicant bought the land to establish her residence there. She had lived there almost continuously since 1988, save for an absence of two weeks, for family reasons, in 1993, and it had not been suggested that she had established, or intended to estab-

lish, another residence elsewhere.

Therefore, notwithstanding the fact that the applicant had acted in contravention of national law, the Court found that the case concerned the applicant's right to respect for her home. The Court considered that similar considerations applied in this case as in the case of Gillow v United Kingdom (The Times November 29, 1986; Series A, No 109). B Whether there was an 'interfer ence by a public authority'

The applicant asked the Court to review the designation regime under the Caravan Sites Act 1968, which in her contention made it extremely difficult for gypsies to extremely difficult for gypen-follow their traditional lifestyle, and the criminalisation Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, which, she submitted, was even more restrictive.

The Court reiterated that it was not its task to review legislation in the abstract. Since it did not appear that any measures based on either the 1968 Act or the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 had ever been taken against the applicant, the Court did not find it within its competence to entertain any of the applicant's claims which were based on those Acts.

On the other hand, the applicant had been refused the planning permission which would have allowed her to live in the caravans

Hearing

on her land, had been required to remove the caravans and had een prosecuted for failing to do so, all pursuant to the relevant sections of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

That undoubtedly constituted interference by a public authority" with the applicant's exergise of her right to respect for her home: see, mutatis mutandis, Gillow (at paragraph 47).

C Whether the interference was 'in accordance with the law' It was not contested that the

measures to which the applicant had been subjected had been "in accordance with the law". D Whether the interference pur-

According to the Government, the measures in question had been taken in the enforcement of plan-ning controls aimed at furthering

highway safety, the preservation of

environment and public

The legitimate aims pursued were therefore public safety, the economic well-being of the coun-try, the protection of health and the otection of the rights of others. On the facts of the case, the Court saw no reason to doubt that the measures in question pursued the legitimate aims stated by the

E Whether the interference was cessary in a democratic society I General principles

The Court reiterated its caselaw, according to which it was for the national authorities to make the initial assessment of the necessity for an interference, as regarded both the legislative framework and the particular measure of implementation. Although a margin of apprecia

tion was thereby left to the national authorities, their decision remained subject to review by the Court for conformity with the requirements of the Convention. The scope of that margin of appreciation was not identical in each case but varied according to the context. Relevant factors in-

tion right in issue, its importance

for the individual and the nature of the activities concerned. The Court had already had

occasion to note, in the context of article 6.1 of the Convention and article I of Protocol No i, that town and country planning schemes involved the exercise of discretionary judgment in the implementation of policies adopted in the interests of the community.

In so far as the exercise of discretion involving a multitude of local factors was inherent in the choice and implementation of planning policies, the national nthorities in principle enjoyed a wide margin of appreciation

The Court could not ignore. however, that in the instant case the interests of the community were to be balanced against the applicant's right to respect for her ne. The importance of that right for the applicant and her family had also to be taken into account. Whenever discretion capable of interfering with the enjoyment of a

Convention right such as the one at issue in the present case was conferred on national authorities. the decision-making process lead-ing to measures of interference had to be fair and such as to afford due respect to the interests safeguarded to the individual by article 8. The Court's task was to deter

mine, on the basis of the above principles, whether the reasons elied on to justify the interference question were relevant and sufficient under article 8.2 Application of the above

The Court noted that the law governing the decision-making process leading to the contested decision entitled the applicant to appeal to the secretary of state on the ground, inter alia, that planpermission ought to have been granted. Moreover, the appeal procedure had comprised an sment by a qualified independent expert, the inspector, to whom the applicant had been entitled to

The Court was satisfied that the procedural safeguards provided for in the regulatory framework were therefore such as to afford

due respect to the applicant's nests under article 8. Subsequent judicial review by

the High Court was also available. In the event, the applicant had declined to appeal to the High Court on the advice of counsel that such an appeal was bound to fail. In the instant case, an investiga-

tion had been carried out by the inspector, who had actually seen the land for herself and considered written representations submitted by the applicant and the district council. In conformity with Goverriment policy, the special needs of the applicant as a gypsy following a traditional lifestyle had been taken into account.

The inspector and later the secretary of state had had regard to the shortage of gypsy caravan sites in the area and weighed the owed to continue living on her land in caravans against the general interest of conforming to planning policy.

They had found the latter interest to have greater weight given the particular circumstances pertaining to the area in question. The applicant had twice been offered the opportunity to apply for a pitch on an official caravan site in the vicinity. Although the alternative accom

modation available at that location might not be as satisfactory as the lished in contravention of the legal requirements, article 8 did not necessarily go so far as to allow individuals' preferences as to their place of residence to override the eeneral interest.

It was also true that subently a second inspector had found that the applicant's caravans could have been adequately creened from view by planting

hedges.

That would have hidden them from view but, so the Inspector had concluded, would not have reduced their intrusion into open countryside in a way which national and local planning policy

After the refusal of planning permission the applicant had been

fined relatively small sums for failing to remove her caravans. To date she had not been forcibly evicted from her land but had 3 continued to reside there.

In the light of the foregoing, the Court considered that proper regard had been had to the applicant's predicament.

Although facts had been adduced arguing in favour of another outcome at national level, the Court was satisfied that the reasons relied on by the responsible planning authorities were relevant and sufficient, for the purposes of article 8, to justify the resultant interference with the exercise by the applicant of her right to respect for her home.

In particular, the means employed to achieve the legitimate aim pursued could not be regarded as disproportionate, in sum, the Court did not find that in the present case the national authorities had exceeded their margin of

In conclusion, the Court held by six votes to three, Judges Repik. Lohmus and Petiti dissenting, that there had been no violation of

III Article 14 taken in conjunctio in the applicant's contention, both the 1968 Act and the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

were discriminatory in that they prevented gypsies from pursuing their traditional lifestyle. The Court reiterated that it could not consider any of the applicant's claims based on either Act. More generally, it did not appear that the

applicant had at any time been detrimental treatment for attempt ing to follow a traditional gypsy In fact, it appeared that the aimed at enabling gypsies to cater for their own needs. That being so,

the applicant could not claim to have been the victim of discrimina tion contrary to article 14 taken together with article 8. Accordingly. Judge Pettiti

dissenting, there had been no violation under that head.

Queen's Bench Division

Court of Appeal

Agreement can be broken

Mainwaring and Another v Trustees of Henry Smith's Charity (No 2) Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord

Justice Peter Gibson and Lord

Justice Pill [Judgment October 3] Where the landlurd of a block of flats proposed to dispose of his fied under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 and had signed a notice accepting the landlord's offer of first refusal could withdraw his signature from the notice

he had signed an irrevocable The tenant's freedom not to desire to participate in acquiring the freehold from the landlord as provided by the Act had to be read

before it was served even though

could not be taken away by The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Ms Zipporah Mainwaring and Yeoman's Row Management Ltd against a declaration by Judge Cowell on September 19, 1996 at West London County Court that no valid acceptance of the offer contained in a notice served by the

Trustees of Henry Smith's Charity, the landlords of 38 to 62 (even numbers) Yeoman's Row, Chelsea, London was made by the requisite majority of qualifying tenants of the constituent tlats of the property and that accordingly the trustees were free to proceed with the sale of the property to the Wellcome Trust Ltd.

Section 6 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 provides: "(1) Where (a) the landlord has served an offer notice on the qualifying tenants of the constituent flats, and (b) within the period specified in that notice . . . a notice is served on him by the requisite majority of qualifying tenants of the constituent flats informing him that the persons by whom it is served accept the offer contained in his notice, the landlord shall not during the relevant period dispose of the protected interest except to a person or persons nominated by the requisite majority of qualify-

ing tenants..." Ms Mainwaring in person for the appellants; Mr Timothy Fancourt for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said the Henry Smith Trustees planned to sell to the Wellcome Trust but had

served notice of first refusal on their tenants.

One of the tenants, Mr Addison, had signed a notice accepting the landlord's offer. He had also signed a document agreeing not to ithdraw, but had none the less later withdrawn his authority and support. Without Mr Addison there was no majority of qualifying tenants in favour of accepting the landiord's offer.

The judge had found that Mr Addison had always been entitled to withdraw before the tenants notice was served on the landlord. The appellants' central subission was that Mr Addison could not withdraw his consent having made and irrevocable ent not to do so and having signed the section 6 notice In his Lordship's judgment a

desire not to participate need not be expressed in any formal way. The tenant's freedom not to desire to participate had to be read into the statutory framework. What was given by statute could not be taken away by contract. The appeal would be dismissed.

> Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed. Solicitors: Denton Hall.

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not contested

Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Graham Dobson & Co (a Firm) Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment October 7] A Newton hearing (R v Newton (1982) 77 Cr App R 13)) into the factual basis of a guilty plea was not a contested hearing for the purposes of paragraph 2(2) of Part

I of Schedule I to the Legal Aid in

Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) Regulations (SI 1989 343), as amended by the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (SI 1993 No 934). The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an application by Graham Dobson & Co. solicitors, for judicial review of

the decision on March 27, 1995 of the Legal Aid Board's costs appeal committee to uphold the area committee's decision that the applicants' claim for costs for a Newton hearing in the conduct of a magistrates' court case did not come within the "contested trials" category 2.1, of paragraph 2(2) of Part III of Schedule 1 to the 1989

Regulations, as amended.
The defendant had pleaded guilty to a charge of using threat-ening words. A Newton hearing was fixed to decide whether there had been an element of racial

The regulations provided a scheme for the payment of fees to those appearing on behalf of legally aided parties. Fees were determined on a hierarchical basis according to which of three cate categories I and 2 were relevant to

the present proceedings.

The applicant contended that the case fell within category 2 of paragraph 2(2). Accordingly a higher fee than that pertaining to guilty pleas in category I.l. was

Mr Graham Cooke for the opplicant Ms Beverley Lang for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the issue was whether a Newton hearing could be a contested trial for the puroses of the regulations.
The appeal committee had con-

cluded that a Newton hearing was not a contested trial but a way of establishing the facts and the fact that it was run in a similar way to a trial did not mean that it was a contested trial. A trial was a trial of criminal guilt whereas a Newton hearing was one where the precise factual basis was disputed and the true facts could not be satisfactorily resolved otherwise. His Lordship rejected the ap-

plicant's arguments, although ably presented. It was perfectly plain, his Lordship said, that a contested hearing within the regulations meant a trial of criminal guilt prepared as such following the expectation of a not guilty plea.

There was an antithesis between a guilty plea in category 1.1 and a

contested trial in category 2.1 made clearer by the terms of category 2.2. Newton hearings were of course contested and involved a trial in the general sense of factual issues but that did not mean to say that they were "contested trials" within the meaning of the regulations. A Newton hearing could not transform a guilty plea into a contested trial and accordingly the appeal committee was correct.

Mr Justice Gage agreed. Solicitors: Graham Dobson & Co, Orpington: Mr Richard

Tax payable on fantasy fund

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v News International Newspapers Ltd Before Mr Justice Kay

[Judgment October 1] Pool betting duty under section 6 of the Bening and Gaming Duties Act 1981 was payable on, inter alia, registration fees paid by entrants to a competition in national newspapers whereby participants acted

as fund managers of a notional portfolio of shares of their choice. Mr Justice Kay so held in the Oueen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the Commissioners of stoms and Excise from the decision on November 20, 1995 of the VAT and Duties Tribunal to the extent that it decided that a Times called "Fantasy Fund Man-ager" was not subject to pool betting duty under section 6 of the

1981 Act. An appeal by the commissioners against the tribunal's decision that three other competitions, namely Dream Team, First XI and First Class XI Third Innings, appearing in other newspapers owned by News International Newspapers betting duty was refused.

The latter competitions involved the selection of a team of sports players with prizes being awarded to those competitors who were most successful according to the subsequent performance in real games of the players selected,

A participant entered by teleowned by British Telecom but processed by a company within the Vews International group.

The entrant had entered the competition provided he had communicated a full entry whether he subsequently paid his telephone bill or not. A percentage of the cost of the call was paid by BT to the company.

By contrast the Fantasy Fund Manager competition required a registration fee of 15 payable for each fund entered. Alterations to a portfolio by dealing after entry required a further payment. It was on those two payments that pool betting duty was said to be

Weekly financial prizes were awarded with a grand prize to the overall winner. In the event of a tie prizes were divided Section 7 of the 1981 Act provides:

(I) The amount of pool betting

duty shall be equal ... to 37.5 per cent of the aggregate of - (a) the amount of the stake money paid and (b) the expenses and profits. . . (3) For the purposes of pool betting duty, any payment which entitles a person to make a bet by way of pool betting ... shall, if he makes the bet, be treated as stake money on the bet; and this subsection shall apply to any payment entitling a person to take part in a transaction which is, on his part, only not a bet made by way of pool betting ... by reason of his not in fact making any stake as if the

the transaction shall accordingly be treated as a bet for the purposes of pool betting duty." Mr Stephen Richards for the commissioners; Mr Andrew

transaction were such a ber, and

Thornhill, QC and Mr Andrew Hitchmough for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE KAY said that in relation to the Pantasy Fund Manager competition the tribunal had concentrated on the most commonly understood notion of a het and had failed to have proper regard to the provisions of the Act ating a special concept of betting far removed from that which

was commonly accepted. One had to start with whether there was any bet in the sense of the Act. A critically important element of a bet was the stake.

Since a bet by way of pool betting within the Act was subject on 7(3) and could be treated as a bet for the purposes of pool betting duty even though no stake was made, the concept of a bet by actions that were not bets at all in the ordinary sense of the word.

In the case of the Fantasy Fund Manager competition there was undoubtedly a payment entitling a person to take part in a transaction, the entry iee. Whether that was properly

viewed as a stake mattered not because if it was all the characteristics of a bet were present; a sum was staked, the outcome was dependent upon forecast of a doubtful event and there would be those who won and those who lost their stake.

If the entry fee were not a stake then the deeming provisions of section 7(3) came into operation. The only missing element of a bet which not being a bet at fixed odds was deemed to be by way of pool

betting by section 10, would be the

stake. Thus the last words of section 7(3) would cause the transaction to be treated as a bet for the purposes of pool betting.

His Lordship rejected the respondent's argument that it was necessary to find that there was a contract between the contestants before it could be concluded that there was a bet by way of pool betting. Accordingly in relation to the Fantasy Fund Manager competition the appeal would be

The other three competitions raised different questions. It was submitted by the respondent, interalia, that neither the telephone payments made by an entrant nor those made by BT to the company entitled a person to take part in the A person was a valid competit

once the telephone call was made and would be so whether or not be later defaulted on his bill. No dispute between BT and the company as to payments between theal could affect an entry and such payments were the same whether a valid entry or an aborted entry was

In the circumstances there was no transaction of the sort dealt with in section 7(3), the extended definition of a bet by way of pool betting was not operative and it was necessary for there to be a bet in the conventional sense, that is, there required to be a stake. The payments were not stakes and accordingly the tribunal had been entitled to reach its conclusion.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Mr Thomas Crone.

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The much-mellowed Francis Ford Coppola tells Martyn Palmer about his surprising new film, Jack

More grapes, less wrath

hen a director of the ground-breaking stat-ure of Francis Ford Coppola, a five-times Oscar winner, agreed to direct Jack, a mainstream, rather sentimental comedy drama, the highbrow eyebrows were bound to twitch a little. After all, this is the first time that Coppola has been back behind the lens since 1991's Dracula, and Jack, a Disney vehicle for Robin Williams, would not seem the kind of fare that would tempt the maker of The Godfather trilogy, The Conversation and Apocalypse Now.

The 57-year-old director admiss that these days the family wine business, centred on his home in California's Napa Valley, is of equal importance to making movies. As

Williams, a close friend and neighbour for 15 vears. puts it: "Francis 6 It's not how wants to make movies and make wine. He is in long you a very mellow frame of mind right now and I live, it's how think this movie is part well and Also, taking this job

as a "professional direccompletely tor" enables Coppola to plough his fee into his you live 9 company, American Zoetrope, to fund at least one more grand

cinematic adventure. "I support my family with the wine business and if I can make money from the film business I use it to subsidise my personal work," he says. "It's a bit like the artist. Christo. Part of his art is to wrap up buildings and another part of it is to figure out how to raise money to do it. I feel a bit like that."

These days, Coppola sees himself as something of an outsider whose "personal" work is somewhat outside the commercial mainstream and will not get a green light from a big studio unless it is sufficiently bankrolled in the first place. "I would very much like to make a personal film on the scale of an Apocalypse Now, from an original script and an original story that I have written," he says. "But that type of movie is especially: difficult to do today. The movies being made now tend to be remakes of old movies or ones that are similar to films that have already been made.

"In my life I've only ever made two films that were totally from my original stories - The Conversation and The Rain People — and I would very much like to do that again."

Coppola is reluctant to say what the subject-matter of this original work might be, but Fred Fuchs, a close friend and president of American Zoetrope, says that there are "three or four scripts" that Coppola has been working on. He has also had meetings with the Godfather author Mario Puzo, and the possibility of a Godfather Part IV has not been discounted.

Coppola seems to have rediscov ered his enthusiasm for directing, after suggesting in an interview two years ago that he might never make another film. His financial prudence is explained by the near bankruptcy of Zoetrope in the early 1980s, which left him with debts of around \$40 million. Coppola obviously feels that things have to be different now. And, even if he did do Jack just for the

money, he strongly defends it.
"I've always tried different styles,"
he says. "Peggy Sue Got Married
was a kind of sweet lable, and in a way Jack is like that. Even though Jack didn't originate with me I tried to tackle the story with as much feeling and love as I could." Jack (Williams) is a ten-year-old

boy born with a fictitious condition that ages him four years for every one. At ten he is a lonely adult-child trapped at home, who yearns for the company of other children. His parents finally concede that he should be allowed to go to school and mix with his own age group. When he something of a freak, an

outsider who has to fight to be accepted. The themes of loneliness, the desire to fit in and the precariousness of life are ones that

Coppola says he can readily relate to.
"When I was nine I was confined to a room for over a year with polio, and because polio is a child's illness they kept every other kid away from me." he says. "I remember being pinned to this bed and being hungry, longing for friends and company. When I read Jack I was moved because that was precisely his problem; there are no children in his life."

In typical Coppola fashion, the director made Williams immerse himself in the role by spending three weeks with the real ten-year-olds in the cast before filming even started. "We just ran around up at his place," says Williams. "It was great, because you assimilate behaviour without even knowing it.

For Coppola the next directing job may be another at the request of a big studio, with a script he likes and a fee that he can put towards that "personal project". In the meantime, he is happy enough tending grapes in the Napa Valley. "I've always had a childlike attitude to things, which is to be in the moment and not to waste such a precious thing as life worrying about what is going to happen. In a way, that's the theme of Jack. All of our lives are racing by — his faster than most of us — and it's not how long you live, it's how well you live and how completely you live." ● Jack is reviewed by Geoff Brown lomorrow and opens on Friday

EVA KANECI'S lawyer ar-

knowing little about the case.

so the opening moments of this play crackle with shrewd-ly observed humour. From here on, however, a plot fired only by a feeble reversal-of-

fortune story begins to splutter and backlire. Jolly though it is,

it never regains that initial

momentum. Dillie Keane makes an un-

likely Albanian peasant-woman refugee evicted from

her Hackney flat by slum landlord Angela Harper (ex-

cellent Kate O'Sullivan) and

her smug barrister Paul. On

her release from Holloway

prison the doughty Eva crafti-

Is it true he started life as a

country boy? "Well, not quite. I am from Yeovil, so

I'm not quite a country lad, and I certainly wasn't born

Early impressions: Wheel-don studied ballet as a child

on studied baller as a child

"the only boy among a
thousand girls" — and then
ended up at the Royal Ballet
School. He won the Prix de
Lausanne — a gold medal, no
less — in 1991 at the age of 17.

Career path: Joined the Roy-

al Ballet in 1991, where he

spent two seasons in the

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From Albania to rives hot off the golf links He is unsure whether he is perfidious Albion representing plaintiff or defendant. Sylvia Freedman (whose musical The Meteoric Rise and Dramatic Demise of Edmund Kean Tragedian is ly inveigles her being revived next year at Watford) is a solicitor herself,

way into Paul's household. thanks to his sentimentally liberal and gvilt-ridden wife Joanne.

THEATRE Accommodating Eva King's Head

Sleazy hack Keagan, who is trying to expose Angela's unscrupulous business dealings, quickly turns his attentions to Eva and transforms her into a Margarita Prakatan-style media star

within a matter of weeks. Director Tom Dulack goes for high comedy at every available opportunity. Keane plays Eva like a music-hall comedy turn, which is a good

emerged as a promising

young choreographer on both sides of the Atlantic. His

new Pavane pour une infan-te défunte (set to Ravel's

short sensuous dance) is

premiered at the Royal Op-era House on October 18, marking his Covent Garden

debut as a choreographer.

Then in the spring Wheeldon will follow that with a com-

mission from New York City

Why leave a good job at Covent Garden? "I was in-

and I was down in the

dumps, kind of depressed. I

was having a tough time

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON

Profession: Dancer and Ballet. Since then he has

the King's Head Besides, the script gives her little to go on other than

periodic outbursts of Albanian patriotism and disgust at the shenanigans of the consumer-driven free world, espe-cially England.

One entire scene, of her live television cookery show, which she performs in full Albanian national dress, consists of an extended gag about Albanians liking to eat grue-some things like mackerel stuffed with tripe and "King

Zog style" burnt cabbage leaves. The main humour of this comes with the comparison to the King's Head own cuisine.

But the really preposterous part is that, having set up this stock comic character, director and author try to convert Eva in the concluding scenes into a sensitive and intelligent woman with principles and finer feelings. The danger of schmaltz here is high, though Keane gives us enough of a wink and a nod to reassure us that this is only light entertain-

ment anyway, so bear with it. The reappearance of Oliver Bradshaw's marvellously ancient, Bard-quoting Judge offers some comfort ("llyria --Ah yes! I played Viola when I was at prep school. They still remember it.") and conve-niently provides a happy ending for all.

CLARE BAYLEY

City Ballet completely by jured; I sprained my ankle accident; I was on holiday in New York and I went to take a class with them — but they getting back into shape. I got the job offer with New York When they offered me a job

things started ticking over in my brain. And I fell in love with New York." What was the attraction of

the Big Apple? "I was having a good time finding out about life. In London, life had been unadventurous; I grew up quickly in New York, where there was nobody to take care of me. And I was given piles of work when I got there. And I discovered that dancing could be vibrant and

How does it feel coming back here to rehearse his work at Covent Garden? "I love coming back and working with everyone at Covent Garden. Part of me is still here. I wind down when I come to London. It's very comfortable being back here; the pace is calmer and slower, although I am extremely frustrated that at 2am I can't get anything I want."

DEBRA CRAINE

Out of the blues, onto the rack

JON SPENCER is one of the great American eccentrics, the latest in a line of lunatic performers that stretches from lonathan Richman, Joey Ramone and Lux Interior of the Cramps all the way back to original hillbilly hellraiser, Jerry Lee Lewis. Together with his aptlynamed Explosion — guitarist Judah Bauer and drummer Russell Simins — the singer and guitarist from New York has released a string of alburns since 1990 which have done for the blues what mad cow disease did for the image of British cattle farming.

He was at it again on Sunday night at the Astoria. Positioned amid a huddle of equipment — small enough to fit in a Transit van with room to spare - in acres of empty stage, the three musicians launched without preamble into an excoriating blast of maximum-energy, garage-band rock woll. The sound was abysmal: a booming, burping cacophony that bur-ied all but the sturdiest of Spencer's shrieks in an undifferentiated hail of ricocheting drum beats and strafing guitar noise. But the spirit of the show was sensational.

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The Jon Spencer **Blues Explosion**

Astoria, WC1

dle age and "the blues" usually means the tutored elegance of performers such as Eric Clapton and Robert Cray, it takes a sacrilegious mind-set something of the visceral thrill that the music conveyed in its original form. Whether sprinting their way through the oneminute punk-rock opus Ident-

ify or negotiating the funkter

groove of Firefly Child, Spen-

cer and his cohorts were more

than up to the task. After staggering his way through a ludicrous take-off of James Brown, Spencer led the band through a series of "encores" climaxing with a raucous Chicken Dog and a magnificently wired version of Dang, with Bauer on harmonica coaxing a noise like a freight train from hell. Proof at last that there is more to this blues lark than "Woke up this morning . . . "

DAVID SINCLAIR

Massive respect

BRISTOL collective Massive Attack have just launched their own record label, Melankolic, and with admirable generosity of spirit their first release casts an overdue spotlight on one of reggae's inspirational forces. Horace Andy is a veteran of Jamaica's titanic Studio One stable and sound, and while his records have long had an under-ground following, his contribution to the genre has been somewhat shouted down by louder, less substantial voices. After appearing on Massive Attack's albums, Andy now becomes Melankolic's first,

proud product via his career anthology Skylarking.
At Subterania, DJ David Rodigan was encouraging anticipation for Andy's appearance with a set of feelgood reggae. Shoehorned into this Ladbroke Grove cellar were both old fans and new believers, working on the assumption that a testimonial from Massive Attack is ample rec-

ommendation. Nor were they disappointed, as the bespectacled maestro. now 45, shimmied through a

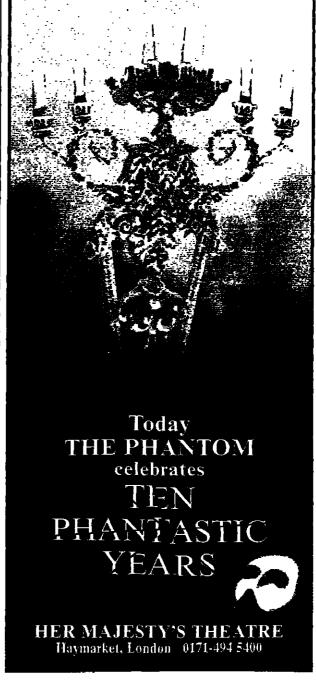
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Horace Andy Subterania, W10

set of joyful, universal vibes. As on the album compilation. Andy made frequent raids into his Jamaican goodie-bag for Studio One classics and later pieces such as Girl I Love You and Money Money, fine examples of his pure, sweet and spiritual reggae.

But as he chuckled and beamed, modestly enjoying this resurgence of appreciation, the man they call "Sleepy" was keen to acknowledge his new sponsors. He stepped outside his traditional style for One Love, the darker piece on which he sang on Massive Attack's Blue Lines album. And when it came to his own Spying Glass it was the updated version from their 1994 album Protection that he performed. Respect was truly flowing in all directions.

PAUL SEXTON



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Two new exhibitions revive an 18th-century architectural

feud. Marcus Binney reports

ir William Chambers and Robert Adam fought all their lives for the crown of British architecture. Now we have the chance to judge their qualities for ourselves at two rival exhibitions in London.

Both began as complete outsiders - Chambers in the Swedish East India Company, Adam in Edinburgh - but each had the advantage of early wealth, Chambers with the fruits of three voyages to China, Adam with the profits of the family building firm which had won the contract to build the vast Fort George outside Inverness after the 1745 rebellion.

This enabled both to seek the same short cut to fame and patronage, a Grand Tour to study the art of antiquity and the latest continental innovations at first hand, seizing the opportunity to make the acquaintance of rich young milordi in Italy.

Here some subterfuge was necessary. "If I am known in Rome to be an architect, seen with a pencil in my hand, I cannot enter into genteel company." Adam wrote to his family.

Measured in terms of position, Chambers is the clear winner, even if it is Adam who gave his name to a style. Chambers became tutor in architecture to George III and won the commission for Somerset House, the great public building of the day. He was also the dominant figure at the Royal Academy and is held responsible for blocking Adam's election as an Academician. "The academy would not accept the way Adam resorted to a lottery to bail out his failed speculation in building the Adelphi," says John Harris. joint curator of the Chambers show.

Today's architects seduce clients, planners and public with lavish architectural models. Chambers and Adam saw the ability to produce beautiful Italy, both chose the same tutor, the mercurial Frenchman Charles-Louis Clerisseau, who had been expelled from the French Academy in Rome. Both also befriended Piranesi, who fired them with

visions of imperial grandeur. The organisers of these two shows support their men. From Somerset House, Michael Snodin says approvingly: "Chambers said Adam's ceilings looked like a lot of pies. There's no sense of structure in an Adam ceiling, just a parade of motifs rolled out like a carpet." Alan Tait, curator of the Adam show, counters: 'Adam was a much better draughtsman, much more varied in style."

Adam himself attacked the heavy compartmented ceilings favoured by Chambers as "absurd compositions". The interiors of Ancient Roman buildings, he said, were all delicacy, gaiety, grace and beauty". Chambers countered by attacking Adam's "affec-

et in the end it is the similarities between the two men which stand out. Both successfully wooed aristocratic patrons and, for all their attachment to Classicism, had a love of the exotic, reflected in Chambers's pagoda at Kew and Adam's designs for picturesque castles. Both turned their hand to designing furniture and ornament.

The Chambers exhibition includes some of the richest and most exquisite objets d'art ever designed by an architect. The whole display has a Zoffany-like brilliance, with large paintings hung high and opulent furniture filling the rooms. Pride of place is given to a glowing gilt model of Chambers's royal state coach, complete with red upholstery: the communion service he designed for Blenheim Palace and the ravishing ormolu and

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blue john "garniture" of the chimneypiece in the Queen's private drawing room at Windsor. This consists of candle vases, clock and perfume holders, used for burning scented pellets. "It's the first time it's ever been on loan." Snodin says.

Most spectacular of all is Chambers's domed tortoiseshell astronomical clock with eight dials and gilt bronze mounts as finely chased as the Crown Jewels. Also on show are a selection of George III's accomplished architectural designs. At the Soane Museum,

Tait's exhibition provides a brilliant insight into Adam's fertile genius. He has sifted through all 9,000 Adam drawings in the collection to show how projects evolved from freehand sketches to superbly coloured presentation drawings by draughtsmen in the Adam office. Adam went still further

towards the total work of art. designing upholstery, carpets,

tapestry and embroidery as vell as mirrors and torchères. Tait was hoping for an Adama show as sumptuous as the Chambers one. "We were all set to have it at the Royal Academy, but it pulled out. "he says dolefully. In some places Adam is evidently still not quite the gent.

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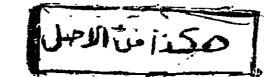
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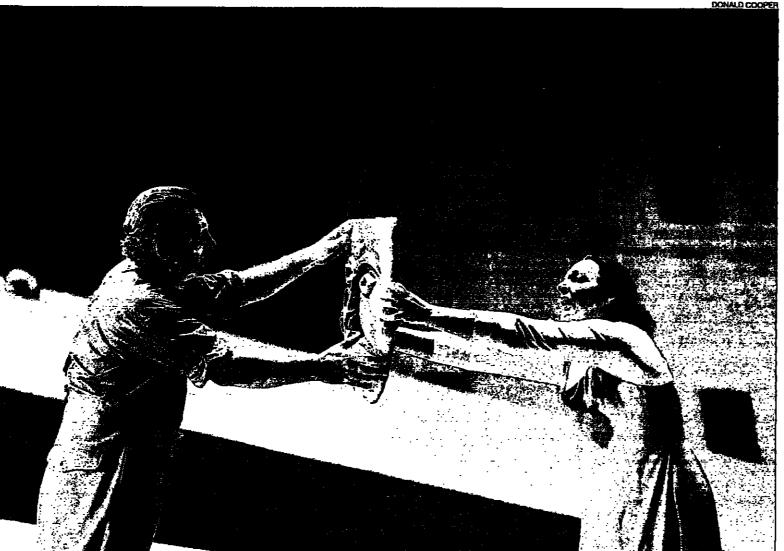
fter the somewhat unsparing emotional rigours of *Die* Walkūre, it was a relief to turn to what is traditionally known as the scherzo movement of the Ring cycle. As if to remind us that even cliches sometimes have to be true. Haitink was at his sprightliest. The first two acts sped by even more briskly (I. think) than when the production was new 18 months ago. yet with no hint of hustle or incoherence. Haitink was always alive to the wit of the music and its conversational pace, and the tenderness of Siegfried musing on his par-

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entage in the forest was all the more affecting for not being glutinously lingered over. The pace was maintained

even in the mighty first scene of the third act, which had thrilling forward impetus without any loss of dramatic weight. It was only with the awakening of Brünnhilde that Haitink started to relax the pace: the love duet was a warm, spacious, lyrical effu-asion full of hope for a future free of the clutter of the past so unceremoniously bundled into tatty old wardrobes in Richard Jones's production.

That future seemed even more hopeful, given that Siegfried no longer dons Wotan's surgeon's smock, one of the very few changes in a production that was anyway the most successful of the four first time round. A new disposition of Nigel Lowery's plywood set means that Brunnhilde (or an extra) no longer has to stand motionless throughout the first 40 minutes of the act — a good change. Oh, and the house fly has gone. I rather



Behind the mask: Siegfried Jerusalem brings his "beautifully bronzed" tone to Siegfried and Deborah Polaski is "on gleaming form" as Brünnhilde

Wit, yes — the forging of the sword as a demonstration in the Art of Coarse Cookery remains a brilliant comic episode - but Haitink also catches the macabre strain of the first two acts, centred mainly on Graham Clark's mesmerising Mime. This prim drag queen, forever the skirts of

Sieglinde's frock down to cover his knees, fixing the audience with a glittery-eyed stare inviting connivance, and never more terrifying than when wielding Mrs Bates's knife, is a chilling study in pure malevolence, wonderfully sung.

And when this Siegfried goes Into the Woods to meet the dragon, he finds instead

vet another Cruel Mother in the wardrobe, this time Matthias Hölle in the same frock but with bigger breasts and a pumpkin head to be sliced off and then sliced up simply terrifying. Hölle is one of four fine newcomers, with Rosemary Joshua's crystalclear Woodwird, Catherine Wyn-Rogers's sonorous Erda,

and Deborah Polaski in gleaming form as Brünnhilde. John Tomlinson was in towering voice in the third act: he could perhaps afford to relax the volume in the conversational passages earlier. But the hero of the evening was the near-eponymous Siegfried Jerusalem. He knows both the

role and his own voice inside

out, knows when to relax the pressure, when to sing out, when (in the nicest possible sense) to "cheat". His beautifully bronzed tone and intensely musical phrasing gave as much pleasure as his laddish portrayal. I have never heard him sing the role better.

RODNEY MILNES

the nasal lark SINCE his departure from ENO, David Pountney's pro-The Nose

ductions have become increasingly zany, and his new staging of Shostakovich's The Nose for the Netherlands Opera in Amsterdam continues the pattern. The Nose, Shostakovich's

first opera (1928) and one of his most "modern" works, belongs to that peculiarly Russian genre of overstated, knockabout theatre, it is hased Gogol's tale of a petty official, Kovalvov, who wakes one morning to find his nose missing, and the outrageous

episodes that follow cock a snook in every direction. Much of Pountney's version has a dazzling theatricality true to the spirit of the piece but his scenario drifts far from the composer's, and to weakening

effect Without the dark Russian satire that Gogol and Shostakointended, the work loses its bite, and the more Pountney broadens the story, the less black the humour becomes. By the time the protagonist is restored to health, every mem-

ber of the crowd from the Ministry of Silly Walks that fills the stage is nasally challenged. But the more straightforward updatings work: the Police Commissioner riding a Harley Davidson, or the stagecoach station as an

It is Pountney's own inter-polations that confuse the already confusing drama: a queen who abandons her speech in the Kazan Cathedral scene to make love to the 15ft Nose, and a round-table discussion between "critics" puzzled by the proceedings, one of

Amsterdam

whom had a point when he pronounced the show a load of Eurotrash".

But the piece is about absurdity, and it is hard sometimes not to capitulate to the sheer ridiculousness of the action on Stefanos Lazaridis's stage. There is nothing in this enormously expensive staging that does not move, and scenes flow into one another with a



John Daniecki and Udo Holdorf

All the singers enter into the spirit of the production, and well done. John exception Daniecki sings and acts smoothly as the rock'n'roll figure who struts out of the giant Nose, and David Wilson-Johnson is a compelling Kovalyov. Thanks to excellent playing from the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra under Hartmut Haenchen. Shostakovich's score emerges as more than a soundtrack.

JOHN ALLISON

More a fighter than a lover

GEORG SOLTI'S return to Don Giovanni began in Paris last spring when he reopened the Palais Garnier with a concert performance of Mozart's opera. After other European stops and with several changes in casting he brought it to the Festival Hall over the weekend for a pair of evenings recorded by Decca. This is now Solti's favoured way with opera: no whims of stage directors to contend with and a substantial run with the singers before the sound engineers move in.

It worked very well with Cost fan tutte. But for Don Giovanni Solti abandoned his new, frisky, quicksilver mood and opted for a grander and more solemn approach. After a severe overture, he and the London Philharmonic Orchestra were almost subdued, not an adjective normally associated with Solti. But the game plan was clear. Solti wanted to reserve a few thunderbolts for the end of Don Giovanni Festival Hall

Act I and then hold back most of them

for Giovanni's final descent into hell. His willing and very expert accomplice was Bryn Terfel in the title role. Terfel, now slimmed down but still a powerful figure, plays Giovanni as an antagonist, happiest throwing down challenges to women and society before taking on God. Terfel snarled out the Champagne Aria in high-speed defiance, the first number in the evening to set the hall buzzing. Less successful was Giovanni the seasoned seducer. Both La ci darem and the Serenade began too loudly and lacked the silken touch.

The latter was well within the command of Renée Fleming's Anna. She was slightly below her remarkable Mozartian

CONCERTS: A MacMillan premiere in London; a fine start in Carlisle

best in Act I, but Fleming is the mistress of the big number and this she showed in Non mi dir, which brought the most loquent and exquisitely phrased singing

There were some rounded perfornances in the less demanding parts. Monica Groop, especially, and Roberto Scaltriti impressed as Zerlina and Masetto. Herbert Lippert was a pleasantlightweight Ottavio. Mario Luperi thundered to effect as the Commenda-

tore. But two roles gave problems.

Michele Pertusi, a commanding
Giovanni in Paris, was switched to Leporello. Earthiness is not within his extensive musical vocabulary. Nor was Ann Murray at ease with Elvira. She was the odd one out in a much younger cast. There were delectable moments, but the voice hardened under pressure.

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of this 40-minute work, scored for large orchestra, MacMillan allows himself a MSTISLAV Rostropovich Notes about freedom that he has some-

premiered James MacMillan's Cello Concerto on Thursday, the second new work he has played with the London Symphony Orchestra in just over a fortnight. He has now given first performances of well over 60 concertos, stretching back to masterpieces by Prokofiev. Shostakovich and Britten. But even by his own manic standards two works so close together is an achievement.

It is enterprising, too, of the LSO to commission two works in quick succession but less enterprising to couple both with the same

programme of Sibelius and

Beethoven. That does imply

Good Friday LSO/Davis more than one The Cello

piece proved more rewarding than the Colin Matthews concerto last month. It is also more substantial than Mac-Millan's cor anglais concerto, to which it is "related": they form the first panels of a triptych inspired by the Maundy Thursday to Easter

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Concerto the Good Fri-In the event, MacMillan's day work, and its first movement, The Mockery, sets the trne with its ferocious opening. To the calm that follows, cello playing, but soon he and the orchestra were off into a Shostakovichian dance of sardonic humour...

ple, drawn from plainsong and a hymn-tune known as Dunblane Cathedral.. In the final movement, obsessive, tightly-written cello motifs are stifled as a chorale is hammered out.

times lacked. The second

movement (The Reproaches)

never sounds obvious,

though the material is sim-

and the cello slides up to its highest register to hover and dissolve into nothingness. This directly-speaking piece is one of MacMillan's finest

JOHN ALLISON

Upbeat beginning for conductor

JEAN-BERNARD Pommier and the Northern Sinfonia in full lyrical flow is a rare experience. Recently appointed artistic director, after working as guest conductor and solvist for 20 years, Pommier has clearly won not only the faith and the com-mitment of his fellow musicians but also their affection. No one hearing him condiuct Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings at the beginning of the Sinfonia's season in Carlisle could doubt that. In the detached chords at the start of the slow introduction

sion about exactly when the bow should be

applied. But

once the pulse was established in the Allegro moderato, agreement was complete and the orchestra was playing with the spontaneity and technical security that only the Sinfonia among British ensembles can offer in such a

winning combination. In a work such as Frank Martin's Concerto for Seven Wind Instruments, which is

more difficult to character-Sinfonia ise stylistically, that kind of Carlisle freedom

correspondingly harder to achieve, particularly if the virtuoso scoring threatens to overemphasise one instrumentalist. But it was worth the occasional anxiety to hear such a fresh revival of a neglected item. Besides, Rachmaninov's Vocalise, with the associate leader

Martin Hughes taking the

less successful. From the moment the piano marginally slipped away from him on the shiny floor of the Sands Centre he seemed ill at ease. And, far from settling down in Mendelssohn's Second Piano Concerto in D minor. he became less confident. In a work as tricky as that, and yet so debonair that it needs dispatching without concern for technical problems, directing from the keyboard is

As a soloist, Pommier was

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evidently not a good idea.

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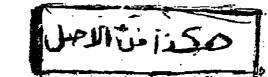
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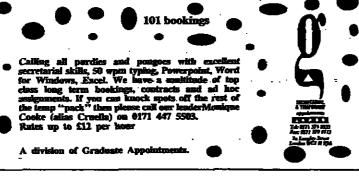
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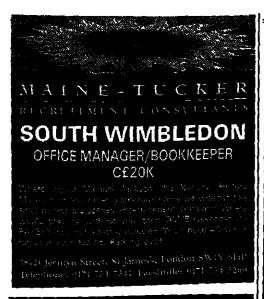
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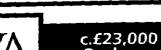
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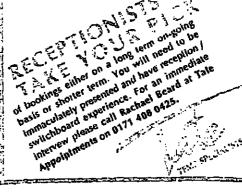
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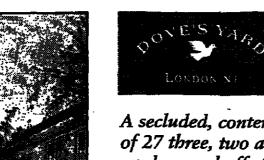
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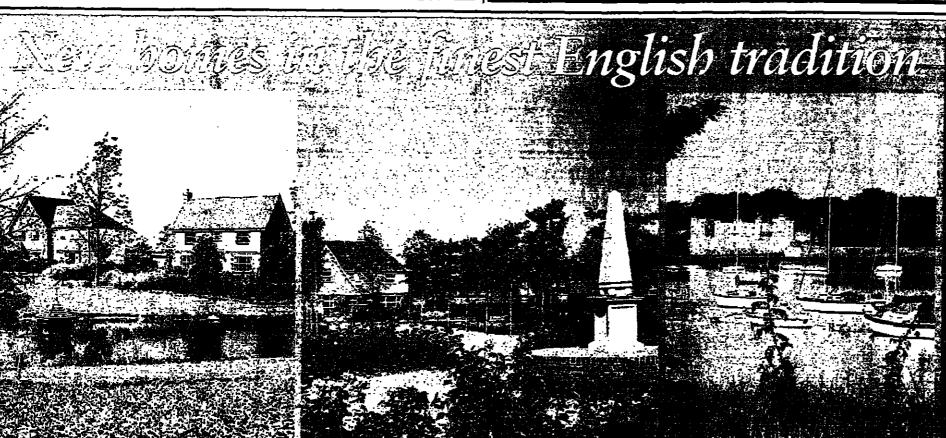


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Anna liked the home but had problems with other

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assisting her, enabled her to pursue an innovative scheme to become a homeowner. Anna needs 24-hour care, so any home has to be big enough for not only

Anna but also two support workers. Anna and her carer. Wendy Blenkinsop, found a three-bedroom semi-detached house costing £62,000.

Estuary Housing Association, through the do-ityourself shared ownership scheme, purchased the

who also has to pay a rent on the balancing 75 per cent. Anna acquired a £15.000 mortgage, but she faced

THERE were problems in securing a mortgage, and

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After Anna moved into her own home, she was

previously been only partly entitled. She was also

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District Council social services then had to be convinced

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She has now coped successfully in her own home

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The happy ending to a long haul

Being disabled does not mean that you cannot own a house. Rachel Kelly on

expert advice for handicapped buyers

henever Anna anen-ded meetings to dis-cuss buying a house, the words I'm buying my own home" were invariably accompanied by a wide smile. Like many a young person on the threshold of home ownership, she welcomed the excitement of creating her own nest.

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The only difference between her and her fellow first-time buyers is that she is severely disabled. Her carer has asked that I do not identify her by surname or give details of her disabilities. She has no specific condition such as Down's syndrome, but she needs someone with her at all times to protect her from everyday dangers.

Over the next five years, homes are needed for 25,000 people with learning disabilities, according to new figures from Housing Options. a recently established advice service for the 2 per cent of the population with impaired intellectual or social capacities.

The service, set up in July this year, provides specialist advice to people with learning disabilities and the people and organisations that work with them.

Nigel King, the housing adviser for the Witney-based Housing Options, says: "The trend in recent years has been to provide as much accommodation in ordinary flats and houses as possible for people who have learning disabilities. However, present provisions will supply only 10 per cent of the 25,000 houses that are required."

The 22,500 shortfall is particularly acute. Mr King says, because of hospital-closure programmes and the closure of large institutional hostels since the 1990 Care in the Community Act came

Fred Heddell, the chief executive of Mencap, the mental health charity, points out that though independent living may not be a feasible or even desired option for

some people with learning disabilities, an increasing number are striving for more control over their

The problem is surmounting many of the obstacles that they face in embracing home ownership. In financial terms, the primary legal problem is satisfying the mortgage company that the individual who is taking on a mortgage understands his or her obligations.

This problem can be overcome in several ways, says Maurice Harker, the chief executive of New Era Housing Association. an organisation that specialises in providing housing for disabled

Mr Harker says: "The situation can be carefully explained to the person in question and supported with letters from acquaintances or through the use of advocacy, guarantees or joint ownership.

I these still prove insufficient, other options available include using the Court of Protection, which looks after people who have lost the capacity to order their own affairs, using the enduring power of attorney.

A more acute problem is trying to bridge the gap that often exists be-tween the amount a lender is happy to advance on a property in such circumstances and the loan needed to buy. Mr Harker admits that there is no easy solution.

Help from friends or relatives is one option, but is feasible only if they are able to provide. Mr Harker says: "Health authorities and social services are legally inhibited from paying the deposit directly, but this may be overcome by granting the money to a third

Shared-ownership schemes enable people with learning disabilities to acquire purpose-built, oneoff houses designed around an individual's needs. Ownership is shared with a housing association.



Anna and her carer, Wendy Blenkinsop: Anna was able to get a mortgage to help to pay for her semi-detached house

Another option is do-it-yourself shared ownership. Diyso is a scheme whereby the property is purchased by a housing association, together with the person who wants to live there. The person with learning disabilities will then pay a rent on the remainder to the housing association.

Others buy by using a trust. Mr King says: "Trusts are usually established by parents as a means of ensuring that they have provided lasting support for their child so that he or she is able to exercise some control over where and how they live rather than being entirely dependent on the State or having to rely on the local authority." For those without any capital of their own, buying a home purely with the help of government benefits is difficult. The disabled are entitled to help from income support, housing benefit and disability living allowance. But income support can be used only for an

s Mr Heddell points out, the disabled are caught in a complicated situation. ▲ He explains: "It is difficult." to get an interest-only mortgage without a guarantee that income support will meet the interest but

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that guarantee is not forthcoming until the mortgage is taken out." Mr Harker calls for banks,

building societies and benefit agencies to change their regulations. Until this is done, the only way to get around the difficulties is to use informal "off the record" conversations between staff at the local benefits agency and the mortgage lender. "And this." he adds, " is hardly a suitable method of dealing with the problem.

The truth is that many people with learning disabilities will be denied the challenges of owning their own bricks and mortar. Housing Options estimates that

60 per cent of adults with learning disabilities are supported by parents at home.

As Mr Harker says, at some

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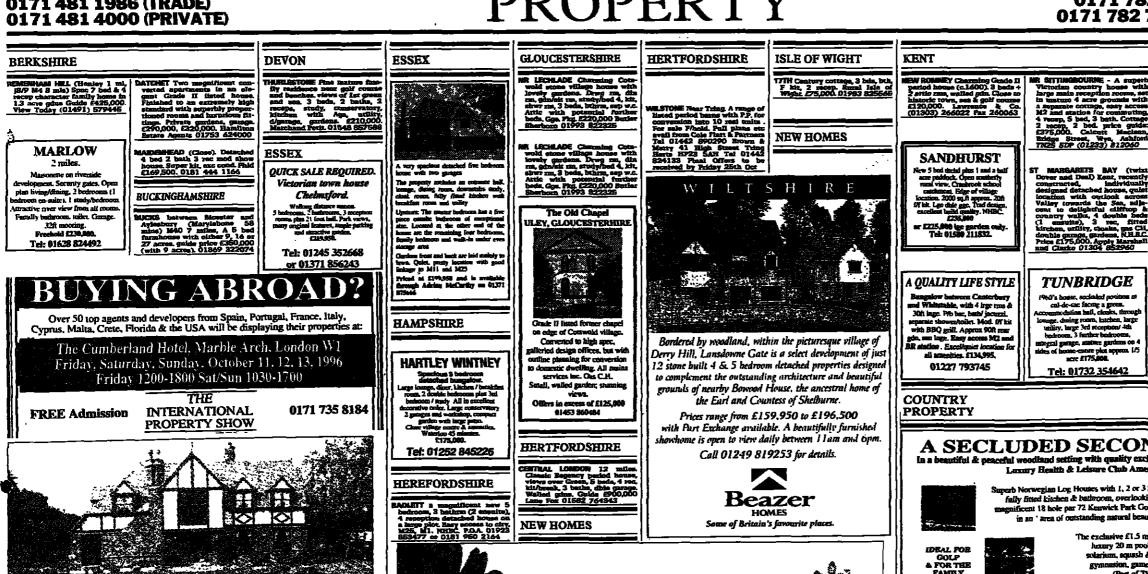
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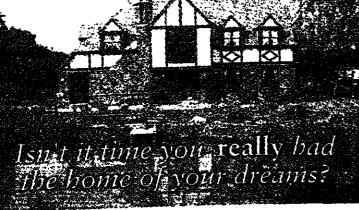
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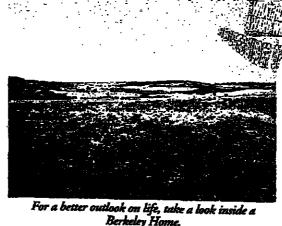
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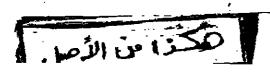


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O'Donnell, who left his native Galway 13 years ago, said yesterday: "If he gets round he d vill win, and I think he will get round." Victory in such a remarkable race, won last year by Its A Snip, trained in Lambourn by Charlie Mann, would be grand, but for an Irishman nothing matches the taste of victory at the Chelten-

ham Festival. Last March. O'Donnell sa-Paddy's Return landed the

Triumph Hurdle, Now the Champion Hurdle beckons. Both horses are trained in Middleham by Ferdy Murphy, who yesterday won the Sporting Index-Champagne Louis Roederer award for the most promising National Hunt trainer of last season. The Irish-born trainer's confidence in his hurdler is infectious. "If I was a betting man I would be having a few quid on

HICHARD EVANS. Nap: GAELIC STORM

(2.00 York) Next best: Step Aloft (2.30 York)

Paddy's Return. I have no doubt he is a Champion Hurdle horse." O'Donnell bought Paddy's Return and sent him to Kevin Prendergast, the trainer of Oscar Schindler, this year's

gave him just two runs on the

Irish St Leger winner. After one run on the Flat as a twoyear-old, he joined Murphy, who realised his potential and

and grown about an inch and a half. He will run at the "He made his debut at Sedgefield and everybody Newbury meeting later this asked: Why Sedgefield? Padmonth before going for a race at the Hennessy meeting," dy said wherever he went he would have his maximum on.

Murphy added. However, dreams about Festival successes are being put on hold with the Pardubicka, worth £35,000, only four days away. Norman Williamson will ride Irish

Jason Weaver is to appeal against a four-day suspension imposed at Pontefract on Monday. The ban would rule him out of the Cesarewitch meeting at Newmarket.

Stamp, who was second in the Belgian Grand National three weeks ago. "He worked well before he

left and I don't think the fences will be a problem." Murphy said. "He is rated 25lb above Its A Snip so must have a good chance. There is that ploughed field, but he is an trish horse so he will know what a ploughed field is."



Irish Stamp challenges for the demanding Velka Pardubicka on Sunday

3.40 PAVIS CHALLENGE HANDICAP

123 0000 AMP LEIGH 14 (D.G.) Witcom 3-9-1 SWitthwest 91 (10) 3800 - MIGHT MARKONN' 12 R Husson 3-9-1 Pat Eddary 92 (10) 3800 - MIGHT MARKONN' 12 R Husson 3-9-1 Pat Eddary 92 (15) 3130 SUPPRIBET 15 (D.S.) B Michalton 4-113 W Ryson 91 (3) 2304 KMLMR 10 (D.E.S.) D Chaptina 7-9-12 M Solid (S) 97 (1) 4420 DUMBRELLE 12 (D.B.F.) T Eddary 4-9-1 M Solid (S) 97 (2) 050 SUPPRIFIEL 23 Miss 15 (D.B.F.) T Eddardy 4-9-1 M Solid (S) 97 (2) 050 SUPPRIFIEL 23 Miss 15 (Mark 1) M Richard (P) 97 (2) 050 SUPPRIFIEL 23 Miss 15 Miss 15 (Mark 1) M Richard (P) 97 (2) 050 SUPPRIFIEL 23 Miss 15 Miss 16 Miss 16

5-2 Sex Westslag, 11-4 Strollin N Wishla, 3-1 Scarpella, 7-1 Classic Form, 12-1 Maple Role, 14-7 offices

12 (7) 0005 RD/RACE 137 W Brichoway 4-8-5 P. R. Cockente 13 (4) 00-7 RD/RACE 137 W Brichoway 4-8-5 P. Bicciate (3) 14 (14) 0533 658/k 7, 146/km 5-9-7 V Settery 15 (1) 3040 ZELBA 12 (7) Mr. St Macmaly 4-8-7 Jor Hausen (7) 16 (5) 0-90 GENEER B SPECIAL 4 (6) 5 Boarday 3-9-0 M Adams 17 (11) 5-33 DOMCOMER FAUL 15 CC (903 3-7-13 M Henry (3) 18 (3) 6000 WCTOSIA DAY 42 8 Mathimus 4-7-13 R Resect (7)

5.10 NOTES COUNTY MADEN STAKES

(Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,605: 1m 1f 213yd) (10)

4.10 NOTTS COUNTY MAIDER STAKES (DW 1: 3-Y-0: £3,605: 1m 11 213yd) (10)

4.40 MAGPIES HANDICAP

(£2,381; 2or 1f (88yd) (18)

2.00 Gaelic Storm 2,30 Step Aloft 3.00 Royal Dome

3.30 Gone For A Burton 4.30 Wolf Mountain

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 STEP ALOFT. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Puce. 3.30 Pasternak. 4.30 MOONSHINER (nap).

GOING: GOOD JOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS NURSERY HANDICAP

{2-	Y-0: £	6,212: 6	if) (12 runners)
101	(3)	344423	BURKES MANOR 18 (F) (M Burke Developments) T Barron 9-7 D Harrison
103	(5)	341	GAELIC STORM 22 (F) (H Racing Club) M Johnston 9-7 M Roberts
103	(4)	021300	CLASS DISTINCTION 15 (F) (EMA Parners) R Hamon 9-5 Dane O'Rells
104	(7)	31	LEVELLED 42 (6) (Maygain Ltd) M Channon 9-3
105	(11)	561	AMYAS 18 (D.F) (Mrs J Corbet) 8 相比 9-3
106	(9)	40100	ZUGUCH 8 (DJF) (A Al Sacah) B Harbory 9-2 J Stack
107	, Lil		BLOOMING AMAZING 35 (C & D Stephenson) J Syre 9-0 T Williams
105	(8)		576P K GO 67 (Lord Petersham) Mrs J Rameden 8-10 K Fallon
109	(6)	143300	MOSTALGIC AIR 36 (D,F) (T Scottern) E Weymes 8-9 J Coden
110	(12)	600423	TALWIND 12 (SP) (R Halm) W Moor 8-9 J Wester
111	(2)		STYLE DANCER 16 (Mrs. C Hodgells.) R Whitater 8-9 Martin Dwyer (5)
112	(10)	000	DOM RUBIART 22 (Mrs & Scott Bacett) J Halls 7-10 Id Henry (3)
BETT	ING: 15	4 Gardet S	korm, 3-1 Arryac 5-1 Levellad, 8-1 Buckes Manor. 10-1 Class Distinction, 12-1 Zuga

1995: DASH996 BLUE 8-13 L Detton (13-2) I Saldjag 14 ran

FORM	FOCUS
BURKES MANOR 5%1 3rd of 11 to Blues Closen in Bursery at Ayr (Ex. good to Smn), GAELIC STORMA best Heart Throb. 1%1 or 14-serges mander auction- al Sandown (St. good to Smn) with DOM REPARKY (25to better off) 9/41 11th. Letyellet best Davis Rock 14 in 5-houser arcised at Carlste (St. good). AARYAS best Conjuntment 21 in 9-spacer marken at Catterick (Gl. good to Sma) ZUGUON 101 15th of 23	to Papus in auction race at Novementest (71, good). BLOOMERS ANADES 40 7th of 23 to Lady Godine -id. mander of 47th (10s. good). STEP N. 50-264. 2nd of 4 to Sous to Nez in madies at Donasske (51, good to firm) on perulbimate start. TALLWIND 141 and 65 to Metisasth in sussery at Newtury (51, good to firm) on perulbimate start. Selection: GAELIC STORM

2.30 BODDINGTONS LIMITED STAKES

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201	(1)		BLACKPATCH HILL 3 (B.D.G.S)(J. Stadbary) N Testige 7-9-2 (Gm Tinkler
202	(5)	250200	SLEHTLY 11 (F.S) (P Metion) Batting 4-9-2 T Coinn
203	(6)	03-0300	VAUGRENDER 8 (D,F) (1 Tengden) R Hannon 4-9-2
304	(2)	54-5050	DEE-LADY 12 (F) (Mrs M Tevershard) W Termer 4-8-13
215	(3)		STEP ALOFT 8 (G) (The Queen) Land Huntagelon 4-8-13 Almee Cook (5)
	110)		STEAMROLLER STANLY 20 (F) (P. Cyser) C Cycer 3-8-11
- 207	(7)	035240	ROYAL ACTION 25 (E Carter) J Banks 3-8-9 R Mauten (7)
208	(9)	320460	TAUFAN BOY 21 (G) (Supreme Teatrs) P Harms 3-6-9
209	(8)	0213	PUCE 67 (BF.F) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 3-8-6
210	(4)		ANNECY 55 (K Abdata) H Cacil 3-8-6 K Fallon
211	(11)	62-23	LADY JOSHUA 60 (BF) (Mrs A Buder) J Duskop 3-8-5 J Fortune
BETTE	NG: 11	-4 Step Alc	dt. 4-1 Puce. 5-1 Lady Joshus. 6-1 Stiently Armety, 8-1 Vaugrener, 10-1 others

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SILENTLY best effort. 1/21 2nd of 5 to Wifee Con-
ones in rated states at Hembury (1m 44, good)
VAUGRENIER best effort 60 3mt of 7 to dead- besiers Tagran and Lombardic on handicap at
Haydock (1m 41, good) STEP ALOFT best Bubble
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start ROYAL ACTION 341 4th of 8 to Trick in mauden at Yarmasah (1m 2l. good to firm) on penultenate start. PUCE 241 and of 7 to Casual peruliprate start. PULE 274 3rd of 7 to 12-point Water in handiscap at Goodword (1m 44, good to lamp, ADDECY 31 5th of 6 to Dismirestre in cated stakes all Yamoudh 1 that 22, good to firm LADY JUSHUA neck and 44 3rd of 8 to Rine Detail on readen at Newmontel (1m 41, good to fam) Selection: PUCE

3.00 NEWINGTON HOTEL YORK RACEGOERS HANDICAP (£6,576: 5l) (23 runners)

301	(14)	203502	MISIDER TRACER 7 (CO.F.C) (Mrs.H.Carr) Mrs.J.Rancader 5-9-12 J.Fostone
302	(21)	300014	SUPPRISE MESSION 11 (D.F.G.) (D Brotherion) Mrs. J Rameden 4-9-11 & Fallon
303	(15)	31-000	ARR WING 6 (D.G) (P Betts) M Vanadars 3-9-11
304	(22)	150500	STOLEN KISS 11 (B,D,F,S) (ROM Facing) M In Easterly 4-9-10 . R Hughes 1
305	(13)	210003	ROYAL DOME 17 (CD,F,G) (G Jones) M Water 4-9-9 M Roberts
306	HD		SALLY SLADE 22 (D.F.G.S) (R Cyce) C Cycer 4-9-8
307	(1)	024300	THE HAPPY FOX 14 (B.D.F.G) (G Watster) B McMaton 4-9-8 . G Detfield !
305	(6)	305340	JUCEA 11 (D.F.G) (A Campbell) J Spearing 7-9-6 F Lynch (3)
309	m	425400	STUFFED 18 (B.D.F.) (E Marring Broadcast) No N Easterby 4-9-6 . G Parker (5)
310	(18)		BRECONGEL LAD 18 (D.F) (3 Horse Shoes) Miss \$ Hall 4-3-6 Martin Dwyer (5)
311	(17)	113240	KIRA 11 (D.F.G) (J. Witson) J Eyra 6-9-6
312	201		HERE COMES A STAR 42 (D.F.G.) (Mrs. J. Goodnotge) J. Carr 8-3-5. A Cultumo !
313	(5)		GONE SAVAGE 11 (D.F.G.S) (Square Table) # Masson 8-3-5 J Stack !
314	(23)	233218	MALIBU MAR 14 (D.BF.F.E.) (Crarch Patients) E Waster 4-9-4 A Daily (5)
315	(27)	000004	
316	(6)		LITERARY SOCIETY 6 (D.F.G.) (Listy Carter) J Toker 3-9-4 S Sanders 1
100 7	(12)		GMESPYR 88 (D.F.C) (Lord Mochon J Berry 3-9-3 G Carter (
- 1	(9)		SOURE CORRE 14 (8.D.F.G) (5 harwood) G Harwood 4-9-3 Gayle Harwood (7)
319	(2)		DAAME 11 (B.C.D.F.G.S) (Mr. 4 Mallinson) Mrs V Acoming 5-9-3 M Deaming
370	(11)		SHADOW JURY 13 (B.D.F.G.Si (Mr.; J Crapman) D Chapman 6-8-13 J Carrol 1
321	[16]		GRAND CHAPEAU 20 (D.BF.F.G) (V Greaves) D Microllis 4-8-10 Alex Greaves 5
322	[4)		JOHAYRO 14 (B.D.F) (D Barron; J Golde 3-8-9
œ	(3)		STEPHENSONS ROCKET 10 (D.F.S.S) U Skephenson) D Nacholis S-8-8 A Clark 1
BETTU			uder, 7-1 Gone Savaga, 8-1 Surprise Mission. TU-1 Literary Society, 12-1 Royal Dom

1995; ROYAL DOME 3-9-1 M Roberts (8-1) M Water 22 ran

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3.30 BOOKER CHEF'S LARDER HANDICAP (£6,888: 1m 21 85yd) (20 runners)

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402	[18]	231313	FAR AHEAD 18 (D.F.G.S.) (Suscal Potatoes) J Eyro 4-9-12 R Lappin	37
413	(9)	12500-0	GONE FOR A BURTON 18 (D.F.S) (H Carrengton) P Matter 6-9-12. J Fortune	90
404	(15)	001000	QUEENS CONSUL 19 (F.6) (Mess H Davison) B Rodraed 6-9-11 M Feature	88
405	(r)OP	230342	FOREST ROBIN 32 (Mrs. P Retresent) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-8	94
008	(17)	1-00050	HAND CRAFT 13 (F,6) (Mrs U Hagges) W Hagges 4-9-7 R McGrier	69
407	(13)	513400	XINGS ASSEMBLY 25 (D.F.G.S) (Evertopetals () P Harris 4-9-6 G Hand	93
406	(2)	123606	FREZELIERE 19 (8.F) (Lest Carlest) J Dunlon 3-9-6	88
400	(15)	†11 00 1	OCEAN PARK 12 (D.F.S) (E Reset) Lady Herres 5-9-4 A Clark	80
41Q	(7)	3-52031	PASTERNAK 9 (D,S) (6 Rock) M Prescut 3-9-4 (5ex) G Doffeld	91
Πı	(6)	350040	BOWLED OVER 18 (C.S) (B Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-13 K Fallon	98
112	(11)	025565	APOLLONO 12 (F) (I Ruggles) J Fanshave 4-8-13 S Sanders	94
113	[3]	010010	STATELY DANCER 32 (D.F.) (A Opportument) G Wagy 3-8-13 M Halls	80
114	(5)	10-3402	OBELOS (1 (D.F) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs. J Cacil 5-8-12 Martin Dayer (5)	
115	(20)	020001	MANGUL 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (C Barber-Lorras) W Elsey 4-8-12 (Sec) N Kennedy	83
416	(8)	428320	CALDER KING 12 (B.BF.F.S) (7) Contson) J Eyes 5-8-8 T Williams	95
117	(13)	102225	DARA 5 (G) (L Hollictor) J Bethell 3-8-5,	97
116	(1)	006020	MARADATA 16 (IJ.F.G.) (R Hollesheat) R Hollesheat 4-8-3 F Lynch (3)	97
51 9	(4)	431021	FERN'S GOVERNOR 15 (D.F.G) (Fern Components) W Masson 4-8-3 G Carter	94
120	(14)	553314	DRUMONER HICKS 61 (C.D.F.G.S) (Mrs N Napler) E Visyones 7-7-10 . J Quien	90
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A AHEAD best Tessajor head in handicap at sisk (tim 41, good to fam). MEST ROBBIN 41 Jah to Vent vid Vici to handi- perst ROBBIN 41 Jah to Vent vid Vici to handi- perstro 1441 in rated states at Folkestone (fin 42, out to final). PASTERNAK best King Kalo short- at an malden at Bath (fin 2), good to soft). ATELY DARCER need Coman head to handicap at mouth (fin 2), good to firm) on penultimate.	start. OBELOS 1961 2nd of 9 to Neimondal handsup at Heydrock (for 27 120pd, good). MA PUL beat Askend Si in 10 numer claimor at Hain ton (for 31, good to soit). DAPFA beat 2nd in Re- County in a handsup at Asy (for 21, good to far of penulianate claim FERM'S GOVERNOR by Father Cam 1961 of armateurs bandscap at North harm (for 21, good to flore). Selection: OSELOS

4.00 CONSTANT SECURITY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £6,628: 71 202yd) (14 runners)

501	ᅋ	40	ABSULUTE LIBERTY 41 (A REDEY) 5 WOODS 9-0	6
502	(10)	04	CORAL ISLAND 9 (S Cucs) J Fizzerald 9-0 J Canol	
503	(14)	0	CYBERTECHNOLOGY 10 (W Greden) 3 Hats 9-0	7
504	(6)	6	HEART OF GOLD 33 (C Ptats) Mass S Hall 9-0 R Hogbes	
505	(13)	03	EE DISTINCT 105 (S Purcett) Mrs A Swebark 9-0 J Fortune	6
505	15	113	KALIKIN 13 (Shelik) Motazomed) L Cumpri 9-0 0 Listina	7
507	[4]	34	LOVE ME DO 13 (M Dayle) M Janeston 9-0 J Wester	7
508	(11)	96	MON PERFORMER 83 (6 Harland) Ul Camacho 9-0 L Chamach	5
509	(3)	4	SER TALBOTT 7 (Mc, F Percy-Davis) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Rioli	8
510	(8)	2	SNOW PARTIBIDGE 75 14 Adds) P Cole 9-0	B
511	(2)	0	TROOPER 7 (Fatel Salmer) P Cale 9-0 R Halls	7
512	Ø	Ō	MRSS KALAGLOW 15 (May C Wall) C Wall 8-9	
513	di	6	WILL YOU DANCE 19 Mars M Burrell) J Dunlop 8-9 K Fallon	8
514	(9)		2005Y'S VIOLA (Mrs C Woodley) Mrs M Reveloy 8-9 A Collisine	
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BETTING, 6-4 Snow Pastrologe, 5-1 Kalinero, 13-2 Cybertechnology, 8-1 Lone Me Do. 9-1 Se Tathol, 10-1 Dance, 12-1 others. 1995: PRINCE OF MY HEART 3-0 Pat Salery (7-4) B Hills 13 car FORM FOCUS

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4.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SANCTON MAIDEN STAKES

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605	(2)		SELECTORY (12 decision Pero Reservo Proclam 940) Fortune
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6	(8)	000650	JAWAAL 11 (CDFG) 17 for Late Horses 6-8-3	95			
7	(9)	(30000	GYMERAK PREMIERS 25 N.C.D.F.SJ (Sporce); 6 Hebres 8-8-8 K Fellon	94			
9	(2)	452006	POLAR ETLPSE 13 (V.S) L Sout: V Sabetan 3-8-8 J Wester				
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2.10 JOHN MOUNTENEY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0; £2,070: 1m 54yd) (18 JURIES)	_
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1 (14) 5303 SUMMERVALLE WOOD 14 (C.F.) P Mossey 9-2 D.R.McCabe	9
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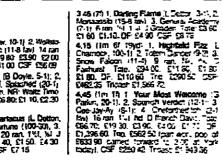
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Ruling may benefit Wigan pair

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

GARY CONNOLLY and Jason Robinson, the Wigan płayers who took up winter residences in rugby union at Harlequins and Bath respectively, after being banned from touring with the Great Britain rugby league squad-could return to the international fold under plans by the Super League to target leading players contracted to the ailing Australian Rugby

League (ARL).
They were withdrawn by the ARL with whom they signed loyalty agreements last, year, before the tour party-departed last month. Robinson is due to start an estimated Ei million four-year contract in Australia at the end of next season, and Connolly, in 1999. After its defeat of the ARL in the Appeal Court in Sydney last Friday, the Super League is to approach a number of players, and will attempt to persuade them to switch camps.

One of the main incentives for players to return is the proposed world club series. next year, between the 22 Super League clubs in Europe and Australasia. "It is our strong legal advice that the ARL loyalty agreements are unlawful as a restraint of trade," John Ribot, the chief executive of the Super League, said. "We believe all players should have the freedom to choose which competition; they wish to compete in."

Meanwhile, Great Britain will field an unchanged starting side from that which beat Fiji on Saturday for their first game in New Zealand. against a Lion Red Cup XIII in Auckland tomorrow. GREAT BRITAIN XIII (v Lion Fled Cup XIII) Grafaw Park, Auckland, tomprowy: 8 Sparres (Reschort): A blurge (S) Helene): K

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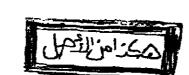
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Hoddle aiming to create the right blend

By DAVID MILLER

THERE is just a chance, a slim one, that Glenn Hoddle may produce the kind of England team about which supporters daydream. Few former highly creative players make outstanding managercoaches. Hoddle could be one of those exceptions.

Great players such as Di Stefano, Kubala and Blanchflower tend to have been too idealistic as coaches. Among the successful managers who were previously exceptional players have been Franz Beckenbauer and Ken-ny Dalglish, though the latter has never operated at national level. Successful managers tend to be pragmatic midfield players or defenders -- Nicholson, Busby, Ramsey, Revie, Zagalo (Brazil). Schön (Germany) – who know how a team or a match hang

together.
The only truly idealistic manager to have won an international trophy in mod-ern times was Michel Hidalgo, with France in 1984, though he had the advantage of a group of fine players. Hoddle, revealing yesterday that he was talked into

England have won five and drawn five of their 11 matches against Poland since 1966, their only defeat coming in a World Cup qualifier in Chorzow in 1973. Ferdinand. Gasgoigne and Pearce scored in England's 3-0 victory in their last meeting, at Wembley in 1993.

coaching by Arsène Wenger, the new Arsenal manager, maybe has that blend of expediency and fantasy for

which the public longs. Before tonight's World Cup qualifying tie against Poland. Hoddle referred to the increased scope for skilful players under the stricter application of the laws. The more stern attitude of referees. he suggests, all but eliminates so-called man-for-man marking (fouling), formerly personified by the likes of Nobby Stiles, against Eusebio in the 1966 World Cup semi-final or Gentile, of Italy, against Maradona in the 1982 World

There is therefore the re-newed scope, Hoddle thinks, for the playmaker: the Rivera. Netzer, Van Hanegem, Antognoni, Socrates. Maradona, Gascoigne. Or game has moved away from the individual; that the contemporary formation of 3-5-2 - which he favours — calls for flexible midfield creativity. In other words, something along the line of Neville-Beckham-Ince-Gascoigne-McManaman thing as a perfect game.

which he inherited from Terry Venables and which we are likely to see tonight.

The game has evolved into 11 v 11, very different," he said, "all players are operating in a tactical way. Brazil are an example. Parreira (their coach) realised that to win the World Cup they had to change, they could not just select the best players, as in the past, and send them out to

play. Since his days as an international player when he too often under-performed or was ineffectively used, depending on your point of view, Hoddle has clearly learnt a lot. He has, of course, the expedient streak, hence his retention of Pearce. As Dave Mackay used to protest mockingly about Blanchflower: "I have to win the ball before he can use it."

Hoddle emphasises that five technical players in midfield "is not going to work". The inclusion of Ince, a terrier, is fundamental. Yet everything Hoddle is saying suggests he sees the team as being a blend of those who, colloquially, can make the ball talk, and those who will help them to do so. This is encouraging.
The pragmatism, however,

is further evident in his admission that qualifying ties are essentially different from a final tournament: that the former, at intervals of months, necessitate, in the vernacular, getting a result while a monthlong tournament allows the possibility to develop a more collective style.

He considers that the Eng-land team cannot be considered his team for another six or seven matches and that what the team eventually becomes will depend on results in the next few matches.

Yes, Hoddle said yesterday, it was a help to have been a skilful player. "If you can explain things, show them. they are respectful," he said. "as long as you are telling them the right things, the reasons. At this level, it's about their responding."

The intriguing aspect of his

remain faithful to the basic tenet of the English game: big. strong central defenders such as Pailister and muscular centre forwards such as Shearer. For a century, such players have defined the English game, Matthews, Finney, Charlton and Hoddle, these have been the exceptions. How will the new manager build Hoddle. Yet, he believes the his team within this framework: he will no doubt rememinat occasion England played a ball-playing midfield trio, Ball-Bell-Peters. and were thumped by Netzer and Germany in 1972. As Hoddle said, there is no such



Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, with John Collins, his new captain, preparing for today's game against Estonia. Report, page 48

Poles apart keep the football faith alive

yszard Slusarenko, the Polish-born chairman of the Association of Polish Sports Clubs in Great Britain, has no doubts where his allegiance lies. "I support England at cricket; I wanted England to win in Euro 96," he said, "but, if Poland had been playing, it would have been different."

Tonight, of course, Poland reign will be how far he will are playing. They meet England at Wembley in the qualifying competition for the 1998 World Cup finals and the extensive Polish community in Britain, first generation, second generation and beyond, will be well represented. At the Polish community centre in Derby on Saturday. Slusarenko, who has lived

most of his life in Britain. was bombarded with ticket inquithrough the door. A 50-seat coach will go to Wembley. along with others from all over the East Midlands and most other areas of Britain. For Poles, the golden years

were the Seventies and early Eighties: with players such as Boniek, Lato and Deyna, they had sides to compare to the best, twice claiming third

place in World Cup finals. "We ran three coaches for the 1974 game," Slusarenko recalled, when Poland last escaped defeat at Wembley, England memorably failing to achieve the victory they needed to beat Poland to the finals, largely thanks to the heroics of Tomaszewski, the

The only other famous Polish goalkeeper is Karol Wojtyla (better known as Pope John Paul II) and supporters are not about tomorrow night, blaming lack of investment in sport since the end of Communist Government in 1990 for the national team's decline defeats at the hands of Israel

and Japan would have been inconceivable a decade or so ago. However, enthusiasm, particularly among teenagers attending a cultural Saturday school, was undiminished.

"I'm looking forward to it." Marek Niewiarowski, who was born in Britain of Polish parents (and supports Derby County and Legia Warsaw) said. Who would he support at Wembley? "Half and half ... well, three quarters and a quarter. If England win, that's OK, but, if Poland win, I'll be jumping and screaming. I

think England will win, by

two goals, but I'll have a good

time no matter what." do well to keep it to two. If they perform well, play good football, we're all happy." Although the number of times that England and Poland have been drawn togeth-

Nick Szczepanik, born in Britain of a Polish father and British mother, looks forward to a revival of ancestral lovalties at Wemblev er in qualifying groups tends to make Wembley a regular fixture, many Anglo-Poles, whatever their club allegiance, also travel to see Poland's Uefa or European Oglaza, said, Cup representatives on Brit-

> Blackburn to see Legia, with a car-load. They played very well," Slusarenko said. "In the car park at Ewood Park, I saw groups of Poles who had travelled from Poland in cars and obviously made my way across to say

you can imagine." As well as ties with the old links between the diverse Polish communities here: 25 teams, whose players must prove Polish blood, play in an annual tournament. This

year, a traditionally strong

hello. Out came the vodka, as

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team from Mansfield was beaten in the June final by the

tomorrow's game, rather than looking for a team of England supporters to play, is doubtful although for most of them chance to cheer our ancestral team in the land of our birth

or residence is more important than the result, which is probably just as well. the next European champion-

Varsovia club of London, who are able to get Poland's worst results out of their system on occasions. "We recently beat a team of Japanese business-men 5-2, which was a sort of revenge for the national team," the manager, Edmund Whether any Poles will be celebrating in London after

OK, most of us - the

And when, at the draw for in the same group as England's, as it inevitably will, you can be sure that there will be a large group of supporters almost as pleased as the Eng-

Hamilton's header rekindles Scottish ambitions

Estonia Under-21 Scotland Under-21 1

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SCOTLAND claimed their first win in the European under-21 championship when a Jim Hamilton goal was enough to defeat Estonia 1-0 in Tallinn yesterday. Hamilton's header, in the 31st minute, was Scotland's first goal in three

Paul Ritchie headed a free kick from Miller over the crossbar before Scotland finally ended their scoring drought in the tournament. They forced a corner on the left and. when Rickie Gillies curled over a cross, Hamilton had space to head home.

Hamilton. the Dundee striker, went close to scoring his - and Scotland's - second goal three minutes after the break. He met a Bonar cross with his head but Sergei Pareiko, the Estonia goalkeeper, brilliantly tipped the ball over the crossbar.

Hamilton created another chance for McCulloch, then departed after 51 minutes with a shoulder injury. Pareiko made another save from Gillies as Scotland searched for a second goal to make sure of victory. Brian Hetherston, of St Mirren, won his first cap as a substitute for Gillies, his club-mate, but Scotland had to survive a couple of late scares.

Victory came at a cost. The captain, Charlie Miller, of Rangers, received his second booking of the tournament early on in the game and will miss the match against Sweden next month through

suspension. Hamilton believes the result has revived Scotland's hopes of qualifying for the final stages. I still think we can go through, but the Sweden match is a big one now," he

Tommy Craig, the coach, was satisfied to see his players claim their first win, but was not pleased with the performance. "I'm not happy, but grateful to get the three points." Craig said. "We did not do enough in my view and the job is taking longer than I thought. I just hope we can raise our game against Sweden and Austria, as it is a Scottish trait to play better against better sides."

ESTONIA UNDER-21 (4-4-2): Pareito -Kilaman (sub: Nommik, 72mm), Ans. Saviauk, Priidel — Leli, Leetma. Kolbasenko, Terehhov (sub: Vahitamae 46) - Ustriisia, Alias (sub: Oun, 66) SCOTLAND UNDER-21 (4-3-3) C Meidrum — S McCluskey, G Navsmith, D Rowson, D Dods — P Ritche, G Teale, R Gilles (sub- B Hetherston, 78) — J Harrelton (sub: M. Anthony, 51). C. Miller Bonar, 39), L. McCultoch Referee: L Gerner (Denmark)

Irish play name game

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

THE surroundings may be certainly weaker than Croatia familiar, but Ireland will nevertheless step into the unknown at Lansdowne Road tonight. It will be the first time Mick McCarthy's new team have played at home in a competitive match and, for good measure, the opponents in their World Cup qualifying group eight fixture are unknown quantities, with even their full title — the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia — a source of confusion.

Nothing about the break-up of the former Yugoslavia was easy and the full title of the southern Yugoslav state is the product of Greek intransigence. With two thirds of historic Macedonia inside Greek borders, Greece insisted that the country could not be called simply Macedonia, closing borders and cutting trade to stress the point. Last week. every Irish newspaper that used the shorthand version received phonecalls or retters from the Greek Embas-y correcting their errors.

The fledgeling republic is

RESULTS: Macadonia 3 Uechtenstein 0: lotand 1 Macadonia 1; Liechtenstein 0: lotand 5. Romania 3 Lithuania 0: Lithuania 2 toeland 0 letters from the Greek Embassy correcting their errors.

or Yugoslavia (now comprising just Serbia and Montenegro), but draws with Denmark and Belgium in the qualifying competition for Euro 96 suggest some quality and the new coach. Dokica Hadzievski, can call on players performing in Belgium, Switzerland, Germany. Spain and Denmark. as well as closer to home in Belgrade and Split.

They arrived in Dublin on Monday without their bestknown player, Darko Pancev, once, in his heyday, with Red Star Belgrade, one of the best strikers in the world, but out of favour with his latest club, FC Sion, in Switzerland. They

GROUP EIGHT

are also without their other outstanding talent, Mitko Stojkovski, of Real Oviedo, a left-sided midfield player, but with Ilija Najdoski, who cap-tained Red Star to their 1991 European Cup win, and Partizan Beigrade's talented young attacker. Gorgi Hristov, they are not to be taken lightly.

undimmed if yesterday's tigerish training session is any guide, are unlikely to do that. For them, the loss of Ray Houghton in midfield means that Alan McLoughlin is likely to assume the central, anchor role, alongside Jason Mc-Ateer, who was picked as a wing back in Liechtenstein in August (when the Irish won 5-0) and then fell ill. Up front. Keith O'Neill, the Norwich left winger, and John Aldridge are likely to win the vote ahead of

The Irish, whose passion is

Interly to win the vote anead of Tony Cascarino.

IRELAND (probable, 3-5-2) S Green (Blackburn Rovers) — D Invin (Manchoster United), G Breen (Berningham Cay), S Staunton (Aston Villa) — J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers). J McAleer (Lucypool), A McLoughlin (Portsmouth), A Townsend (Aston Villa) — Harte (Leeds United) — J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), K O'Nelli (Norwich Cay)

Gullit manages first steps to recovery

By Russell Kempson

RUUD GULLIT, the Chelsea player-manager, hopes to make his first tentative appearance of the season for his club in a specially-arranged match against Nottingham Forest at Stamford Bridge tomorrow. Gullit, who underwent knee surgery two months ago, has been restricted to managerial duties

only since August. He will also use the game to improve the fitness of Eddie Newton, Terry Phelan and Gavin Peacock, none of whom have appeared in the first-team this season, either. "Every day, I feel better," Gullit said, "but the leg muscles still need strengthening because I have been out for so long. I've never set any targets for a return, but 1

hope it is soon." It is unlikely that Gullit, even if he makes a successful comeback tomorrow, will risk playing in the FA Carling Premiership match away to Leicester City on Saturday. However, the chances of Newton, Phelan and Peacock. after lengthy lay-offs, are more realistic.

Newton has not played since breaking a leg in the match against West Ham United in February. Phelan has been plagued by harnstring and Achilles tendon problems and recently spent a week at the Lilleshall rehabilitation centre.

"I'm hoping it's all behind me now," Phelan said. "It was very hard at Lilleshall, they really put me through it, but I've done a lot of running and I'm as good as ready." Frank Sinelair, Dmitrì Kharine and Jakob Kjeld-

bjerg, Chelsea's other long-term casualties, are still recuperating. John Spencer, their striker, returned home early yesterday from Scotland's two-match World Cup trip to the Baltic with a hamstring strain.

Neal move angers Cardiff

By DAVID MADDOCK

land manager of the day.

MANCHESTER City are to be reported to the Football League and the Football Association for an alleged illegal approach to Phil Neal, their new assisant manager. Samesh Kumar, chairman of Cardiff City, where Neal was manager, revealed vesterday that he would be making an official complaint.

Kumar's grievance with City is over compensation. He will ask that the Nationwide League first division club be ordered to pay upwards of £100,000 to cover the remaining three years that Neal had to serve on his contract, Neal ioined Steve Coppell, the new Manchester City manager, at Maine Road yesterday.

"I have heard nothing from Manchester City, and I think that is absolutely scandalous," Kumar said. "I sent a fax to City asking for clarification, but we have heard nothing. We were not told that they even wanted our manager. As far as I'm concerned. Phil Neal still has the best part of a three-and-a-half year contract

left; people are simply looking after number one, and we are being left in the lurch."

Lee indicated yesterday that he is prepared to talk about compensation, but it is still an inauspicious start for Neal. the man who was portrayed in an unflattering light in a television documentary about Graham Taylor, the former England manager, who employed him as an international

Coppell, however, has defended his decision to employ Neal. "If you ask people at Coventry what they think, they say he did an excellent job given the resources he had," Coppell said.

Tomas Brolin is planning to fly back to England for a meeting with George Graham, the Leeds United manager, after being given an ultimatum by the club. The Sweden international, 26, had defied demands from injuryhit Leeds to rejoin them following the completion of a one-month loan period with FC Zurich, of Switzerland.

Aimé Jacquet, the France coach, has again overlooked Eric Cantona, the inspirational Manchester United captain, for tonight's friendly with Turkey, despite having three of his regular strikers sidelined through injury.

Adidas, the sportswear firm, said yesterday it had secured the rights to be an official sponsor of the 1998 World Cup and also acquired global licensing rights for the event. The finals are being staged in France.

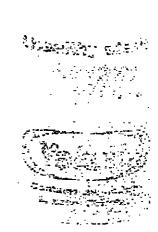
Steve Nicol, the former Liverpool defender, is set to join Steve McMahon, his old Anfield team-mate, as playercoach at Swindon, of the firs's division. Nicol, 34, at present registered as a player with the FA Carling Premiership club Sheffield Wednesday, has failed to gain a regular first team place at Hillsborough this season.

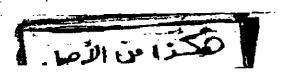
Norwich City have agreed a £200,000 fee with Bristol Rovers to sell Jamie Cureton. their Bristol-born striker, back to his home-town club.

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RUGBY UNION

RFU shuns * meeting to leave clubs in limbo

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE growing hope that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its leading clubs could find a way forward together this week was blighted yesterday when the RFU cancelled a meeting with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) scheduled for today, The action left the club repreplatives stunned that an opportunity for progress apparently had been shunned.

Ground rules for the meeting had been worked out between John Richardson, the RFU president, and Tony Hallen, the union's secretary, when they met Donald Kerr and Peter Wheeler, from Eprue, on Monday, Both parnes were prepared to keep negotiations open until either a lasting agreement over the organisation of the professional game had been reached or it became apparent that there was an irretrievable impasse.

Circumstances seemed propitious with substantial new television money hinging upon a successful outcome and a wide-ranging European competition formula on the table, until the club representatives were told that Cliff Brittle was unavailable for talks. Brittle, a key member of the union's four-man negotiating team, has been in Rome, ere the International Rugby Football Board interim meeting is in session.

We had our team available and we have a majority among our members who are behind us," one Epruc official said. "We are in a position to give the union notice if we have to, but we would still prefer to work with them. We want to try to reach a settlement and we are at a loss to understand this latest move."

Since the RFU had put out apparently peaceful overtures itself last Thursday, the clubs' perplexity is understandable. though the RFU still hopes that a meeting can be arhas already indicated that he would postpone union business to make himself available and it is hoped that Brittle, who is involved with discussions over an integrated European fixture calendar, will

return from Italy today.

On the playing front, the RFU would like to pretend that business goes on as usual, with five additional players invited to the England squad training at Bisham Abbey They include Jim Fallon, who won four B caps while playing for Bath in 1992 before upting to play rugby league with Leeds. Now playing union with Richmond, Fallon's forceful running has carned attention from the selectors, who have also brought in Jos Baxendell (Sale), Mark Mapletoft (Gloucester), Rob Leach (Richmond) and Damian Hopley (Wasps).

Hopley's most recent cap was won against Western Samoa ten months ago, but he has not played this season after an operation to clear debris from his kneecap. However, he is expected to play for his club against Cambridge University tonight, though perhaps a week too late to make a genuine bid for a place in the Wasps XV that will open its Heineken Cup campaign against Cardiff at Loftus Road on Sunday.

The addition of Mapletoft to the training squad will be further encouragement for Gloucester, who broke their league duck last Sunday against Wasps. Gloucester now turn their attention to Ebbw Vale in the European Conference, the second tier tournament that runs in tandem with the Heineken Cup.

Earlier this season, Richard Hill, the Gloucester director of rugby, chose to field a weakened team against Harlequins in the belief that a league victory was unlikely. Now, he has all but established his optimum XV and seeks to keep it together throughout the European campaign so that

his young players can develop. I need as much time as sible with this team and I'm delighted we have this break from the league," Hill said. "Each week, they're getting better and better and our improvement in percentage

terms will be massive."

Golf movie fails its screen test

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

ever mind about sport: I am going to write about sex, Sex and art. And how people get into the most terrible tangle when they mix either of these splendid things with sport. And when you get art, sex and sport altogether, you are really rather asking for trouble.

I have never been happy

with films about sport. Sport, after all, is already a story. Sport after all, is already a drama. To make a drama out of something dramatic, to tell a tale about a tale ... the tautology is obvious. To take sport as your sub-

ject for a movie gives you a rack of off-the-peg emotional peaks: triumph, despair, rivalry, hope, self-destruction, terror, joy. In short, it seems just a little bit too easy. You can use staged, fictional sport as the means for a more or less clinical manipulation of the audience's tear-ducts. Perhaps that is why sporting films have had a fairly mixed The latest hit in the United

States is a golf movie. I don't know if it is the first of the genre, but it has been so successful it surely won't be the last. Of course, it helps if you have Kevin Costner as the washed-up genius with the built-in self-destruct button, but he meets a beautiful woman and resolves . . .

All right, all right, you can go and see it yourself. It is called Tin Cup and it will be released on October 18. I watched it with a bunch of hawk-eyed golf writers, looking for flaws in Costner's swing, and I left with a press release all about how hard he worked to make the swing look right.

All of which is wrong. concentrating not on the art but the artifice. Yet people, even golfers, are human. And see if a film star can sit on his horse properly? All the same, golf swings are not what the movie is about.

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Western Conference

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RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Royal School, Dugannon 90 Foyle and Londerry Coll

SNOOKER

SPEEDWAY



able contempt for golf and golfers. However, rest assured that I won't be writing that piece again today. True, 1 am not terribly interested in golf, but then I am not terribly interested in the mechanics of running a louche nightclub either, and that doesn't prevent me from delighting in

The point is that Tin Cup is not a golf movie. You don't make successful films by appealing to a special interest group. It is, in filmic jargon, a romantic comedy. When a girl with preternaturally slim hips meets a rough-hewn character with bottle in his hand, and their eyes meet on screen for the first time, it doesn't matter whether she is carrying a set of golf clubs or a

oldest story. But does that make golf sexy? I am told that the film's I have been known on director, Ron Shelton, made

and running into the world's

ble scene in his movie Bull Durham, but the fact of the matter is that sexual tension is not a function of the background. There is an unforgettable scene, dripping with sexual potential, set in the New York planetarium, of all places; it comes in the Woody

🕇 ostner does tell us. when he finally beds his girl in his caravan at the US Open, that golf is like sex you don't need to be very good at it to have fun. It got a laugh, but was it actually funny? For the confusion of sport and sex is a strange one. The great thing about sport is that it can be measured objectively. At the end of the day, Brian, you have either won, or five wickets, or seconds, or 6 and 5: whatever.

Allen film, Manhattan.

Is it a product of American culture, this idea that you can be "good" or "bad" at sex? That sex - that love itself - has some form of objective correlative, some standard against which you can be measured for ... I don't know, technical merit and artistic impression?

Anyway, Costner gets up from the rumpled bed in the caravan and follows his firstround 83 with the best round in the history of the US Open. Make of that what you will. George Plimpton's golf book, The Bogey Man, is filled with the lubricious golfo-sexual talk of the pros. in which every aspect of the game becomes a metaphor for the oldest game of them all. Sport, sex and art make for

a confused mixture. I left the film mildly irritated, not with golf, as I might have predicted, but with the shameless tional manipulation of film-makers, which is actually quite a different thing from art, but there you go. The film is scarcely more than 45 the hell out of watching golf. | pole and watermaker.

SAILING

Pack splits as yachts seek tactical advantage

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE race to be first to Rio de Janeiro in the opening leg of the BT Global Challenge could hardly be closer. After ten days at sea the 14-strong fleet has seperated into two tight bunches as the yachts continue reaching and running before northeasterlies south of the Canary Islands. Yesterday, five yachts were within eight miles of each

The past three days have seen the first significant diverence in tactics. Eight yachts led by Group 4 and Toshiba Wave Warrior have opted for a rhumb-line course to Rio. leaving the Canaries generally to port. The remaining six have chosen a more southerly course, taking them much closer to the African coast.

The boats close to shore are led by Concert with Nuclear Electric and Ocean Rover close behind. Although sailing a slightly longer route, they are hoping land and sea breezes off the Saharan coast will provide them with more wind than those offshore. With speeds of up to 11 knots being logged by Nuclear Electric compared with 8.3 knots for Group 4, their tactics seemed to be paying off.

With the high pressure system to the northwest of the fleet continuing to decline and strongish northeasterlies looking likely to hold sway for several days, the westernmost pack, led by Mike Golding on Group 4, who is overall leader, still look to have the upper hand. Apart from Simon Walker's *Toshiba*, in second, the other boats in the group, Save The Children, Commercial Union and Motorola with Courtaulds, Global Team-work and Time & Tide are some distance following behind.

Nonetheless, Richard Tudor, skipper of Nuclear Electric, said: "Our strategy of maintaining one of the most easterly routes appears to be paying off, with Group 4's lead cut from 71 to 55 miles."

Many of the other reports from yachts spoke of what appears to be a surprisingly large amount of damage to sails and other equipment after what, in relative terms, have been fairly easy conditions, Save The Children, for example, has dealt with problems with the yacht's steering, minutes too long. And it beats | batten cars and spinnaker

IN BRIEF

McGregor gears up for world title bid

YVONNE McGREGOR, of Great Britain, has the opporrunity to erase memories of her disappointing ride at the Olympic Games — where she was fourteenth of 24 finishers after suffering a virus — when the world road cycling cham-pionships begin in Lugano

The three medal-winners at the Games, Zoulfia Zabikrova, Jeannic Longo and Clara Hughes, are among the entry of 36 for the women's 26.4-kilometre trial.

This afternoon, Paul Manning is Britain's only starter in the espoirs (under-23) 31.6kilometre event. Chris Boardman, third in Atlanta, is favourite for the 40.4-kilometre trial for elite catego-

ry riders tomorrow. 🗓 Lance Armstrong, 25, the former world champion from the United States, said yesterday that he was having che-motherapy treatment for cancer. Although he has withdrawn from the world championships, he said that he has no plans to retire.

Irish extend run

Hockey: Ireland recorded their sixth successive victory at the men's World Cup preliminary round tournament in Cagliari, Italy, yesterday, where they beat Italy 3-1. Scotland, meanwhile, enjoyed their first success of the tournament. They beat Kenya 2-0.

Stephenson back

Cricket: Hampshire have reappointed John Stephenson, the former Essex batsman, as captain for next season. Ste-phenson, 32, took over from Mark Nicholas for the start of last season but Hampshire won only three championship matches and finished in fourteenth place.

Bettis in control

American football: Mike Tomczak threw for 338 yards and Jerome Bettis scored a third-quarter touchdown which took Pittsburgh Steelers into the lead as they completed a 17-7 victory over Kansas City Chiefs late on Monday.

Slack times

Sailing: Racing on the first day of the Glenfiddich Melges 24 European Gold Cup in Barcelona was abandoned yesterday because of lack of wind

FOR THE RECORD

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FOOTBALL

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TENNIS

SHEFFELD. LTA Autumn satellite lour-nament (GB unless statud) Men: Second round: C Wikinson bt A Gavrilov (Russ) 6-3, 6-1; A Parmer bt S Pender 6-3, 6-3, C-3 Beacher bt M Wyeth 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; P Robinson bt A Richardson 6-3, 6-3, N Weal bt B Cowan 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, R Acenyg (SA) bt Gorna (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-9, O Fulvarek (Cc) bt F Stauder (Ge) 7-6, 6-2, F Rova (Swe) bt D Vers (Fr) 0-6, 6-2, 6-3, VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: T Mantin (US) bi A Costa (Sp) 6-3, 6-2, M Rosset (Switz) bi W Feneira (SA) 6-2.

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PSONG: Men's tournement: First round: B Black (Zm) bit M Joyce (US) 7-6. 4-6, 7-6. S Lareau (Cen) bit G Stafford (SA) 7-5, 6-2, V Spadea (US) bit J Espé (Aus) 6-6. 6-2. T Johansson (Swe) bit J Frans (Arg) 6-3, 7-5: S Craper (Aus) bit L Pace (Inde) 6-4. 6-2: D Van Scheppingen (Holf) bit G Canas (Arg) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; 6-9. Moreover (Us) bit K Carlson (Den) 4-8, 6-4, 7-6. G Rusedobi (GB) bit A Othorsky (Russ) 6-3, 6-0: J-P Fleuran (Fr) bit T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-2, 6-3. M Darron (City bit M Wilerder (Swe) 8-4, 6-3. S URBARAYA Indoness: Women's bour-SURABAYA, Indonesse: Women's tour-nament: First round: J Husaroya (Stovalua) bit k Sintara: Japani 5-2, 6-7, 6-3, 5m-7ing Wang (Tawara) bit Hosen (lat) 7-5, 6-3, N Dechy (Fr) bit A Gavaldon (Max) 7-6, 6-4; Tay Ting Wang (Taiwari) bit Fublam (li) 7-5, 6-2 M Seele (Japani) bit M Schnell (Austra) 7-6, 6-1

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Handling a 4-3 trump fit can be a delicate business. This deal was played in last year's Premier League.

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the spades are favourable. The best line of play in Four Spades is straightforward: take the ace of hearts, cash the ace and king of spades and play on diamonds. Assuming spades break no worse than 4-2 and diamonds break 3-2. what can the defenders do? On the third diamond declarer discards a heart and one of the defenders ruffs. If the defenders continue hearts, declarer

their cause. Spades are likely to fail if the At the table the declarer ducked the heart lead and diamonds don't break 3-2. You still make Five Diamonds if erred by playing a club to his king after the defence continued hearts. Declarer expected the club ace to be with East but

when it was with West he was in trouble. West won the ace of clubs and returned a club. Now declarer cashed the ace and king of spades and played on diamonds, but when West ruffed the third diamond he played a third club, forcing the dummy to ruff with a high trump and so promoting a second trump trick for West. can ruff the third round in ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on hand, cross to the queen of spades (and in doing so draw the last trump) and run the bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend diamonds; if the defenders section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

VENDEAN a. Autumnal b. For sale c. A French rebel

WORRICOW a. A cattle disease b. A scarecrow c. Cow parsley

VORAX

a. A whirlpool b. Voracious c. A Viking's two-headed axe ZAMZUMMIM a. A stringed instrument c. Confused hubbub

Answers on page 46

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess banned

The report in The Times yesterday that the new Taleban regime in Afehanistan has benned the playing of chess should come as no surprise to students of the game's chequered career in Islamic law. Chess has suffered periodic impositions and liftings of pro-hibitions over the past 1,000 years or so in Islamic territories. One of the first acts of the Ayatollahs

when they came to power in Iran

was to ban chess, but this rule has been relaxed and chess is permitced again. The periodically hostile Islamic attitude towards chess is curious, given that it first flourished in the Baghdad Caliphate of over 1,000 years ago and that the Caliph Harum ar-Rashid in the 9th centary was known to be a player. The problem derives from a verse of the Koran which reads: "O true believers, surely wine and lots and images and divining arrows are an abomination of the works of

Satan, therefore avoid ye them that ye may prosper."
Although chess is not specifically mentioned in the Koran, some Muslim lawyers circa 800 extended the condemnation of lots or dice and images to include a

players.
A counter-argument was propounded by the 9th century Arab jurist, ash-Shafii, who claimed that chess was an image of war and it was possible to play the game not just for a stake, nor for pure recreation, but as a mental exercise for the solution of military tactics

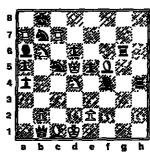
This is the view that has tended to prevail, not least because the Caliphs themselves were often avid chess players and during the late 9th and early 10th centuries in

Baghdad kept a court retinue of Aliyat or grandmasters who regu-larly conducted competitions for the Caliphs' amusement. Indeed, a tradition states that the oldest chess problem on record was

composed in 840 by the Caliph

Mutasim Billah, third son and

The Caliph's problem White to play and mate in nine moves



A thousand years ago the rules were slightly different. Pawns could move only one square, the bishop could move only two squares, jumping the intermediate one and any piece that was in its path, and the queen moved only one square diagonally. Rook knight and king moved the same

1 Rexb7+ FICE+ Kxb5 4 Rc6+ Kxb5 5 Bd7+ Kb4 6 Rb6+ Kc5 Kd4 7 Rb5+ Kd3 8 e3+ 9 B15 checkmat

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

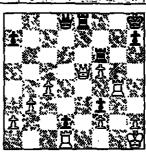
WIMNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Zuger - Campora, Geneva 1996. The Black passed pawn on d2 is very strong and appears to be causing White all sorts of problems. How did White

overcome these?

Solution on page 46



Oliver Holt concludes his series on memorable Formula One duels

Fifteen seconds that decided a season



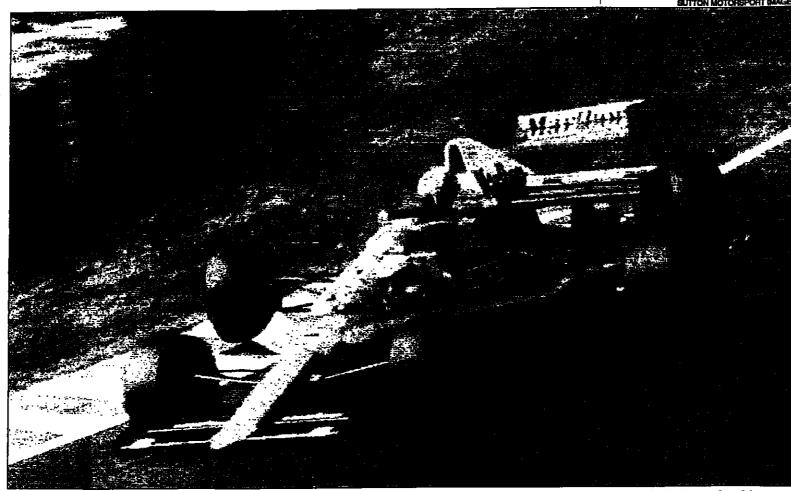
s Damon Hill sits on the grid in his Williams-Renault before the start of the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka on Sunday, his stomach churning and his nerves jangling, he will stare straight ahead to the first corner. His mind will be on the task ahead, on Jacques Villeneuve, the only man who can deprive him of the title. But, at the edge of his thoughts, there will be a place for the wide tract of gravel at the end of the straight, the place where the most bitterlyfought championship of all was won and lost.

Six years ago, Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna, recognised as the greatest drivers of their era and already among the most decorated, arrived at the circuit, in the midst of an uninspiring industrial belt near the city of Nagoya, locked in the latter stages of another acrimonious duel, not just for that year's Formula One world driver's championship. but for the accolade of being the greatest driver of all.

They already had, as American chat-show hosts are fond of saying, a history. The previous year, at the same venue, Prost had rather unconvincingly "shut the door" on Senna, then his McLaren team-mate, barging across him as the Brazilian tried to snatch the lead by overtaking on the inside as they approached the chicane on the 14th lap.

Both cars came to a halt, locked together, but while Prost took off his gloves, hauled himself out of the cockpit and walked away, Senna managed to restart with the help of a push from some marshals and cut across the rest of the chicane, both illegal

He went on to win the race but was disqualified for his transgressions and became involved in a protracted dispute with Fisa, the sport's governing body. The incident made Prost world champion



Senna, top, and Prost collide at the first corner in the 1990 Japanese Grand Prix, ensuring that the Brazilian took the championship

for the third time but the acrimony between him and Senna forced the Frenchman into a move to Ferrari at the end of the season.

The next year, though, it was Senna who held the points advantage over Prost when the struggle for the title reached Suzuka. There was still the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide to come but, if Prost did not win in Japan, he would lose any chance of becoming Ferrari's first world champion for 11 years and Senna would clinch the title.

The excitement of some of the greatest championship struggles, perhaps, has rested in their protracted nature, in the fact that the winner has not been known until the last lap of the last race. Somehow, there was something about the breakdown in the relationship between Prost and Senna that made that scenario unlikely. In the end, the showdown

lasted just 15 seconds. Senna started from pole position, unhappy because it was on the right-hand side of the track

which was dirtier than the left. His requests for pole to be changed to the other side were refused. Prost, alongside him on the front row, made the better start and led the race towards that first corner, 200

metres away. Within 30 metres, Prost was a car's length ahead with Senna tucked in behind. Prost kept slightly to the left, rather than moving over to block his rival, so that he could hurtle through the corner flat out in

fifth gear. But as the corner ap-Prost began to turn in, Senna kept on coming on the inside

shrank and shrank. When Prost moved fully on to the racing line, now travelling at more than 140mph, the front wheels of Senna's McLaren were suddenly level with his. For an instant, they were locked together. Then, in unison, they spun wildly like a pair of disorientated balleri-

and the space between them

into that gravel trap, lost in a cloud of dust.

Neither was hurt, but the blame was laid firmly at Senna's door. Perversely, it served only to increase the mystery of his legend, the sense that this was a man prepared to die for the pursuit of the championship, not a rational, calculating man like Prost, who weighed up all the risks. Prost was incensed.

'Senna kept on coming and the space shrank and shrank

> "What he did is disgusting." the Frenchman said. "I am not ready to fight against irresponsible people who are not afraid to die. Anyone who understands motor racing does not have to ask what happened.

> "Ĥe did it on purpose because he saw that I had a good start, that my car was better and that he had no

nas, and hurtled off the track chance to win. So he just pushed me out.

"What he did is more than unsporting; it is disgusting. I have no problems about losing the world championship. have lost many, but not in this way. He has completely destroyed everything. I hope everyone can see he was not honest. I never expected what he did. I thought he was one of the human race.

"I thought he was hard but fair on the track. Not like this. For him it is much more important to win the world championship than it is for me. It is the only thing that he has

screwed up." The debate of course ran and ran There were many who heaped criticism on Senna. some who said Prost had been naive in leaving him any sort of coportunity to dive up the inside. It is still, probably, the most famous, most controversial collision in the history

in his life. He is completely

of the sport and, a year after it had happened, even at the moment he won his third world title, it was still on Senna's mind. He said the accident had been caused by the decision of Jean-Marie Balestre, then the president of Fisa, not to change pole pos-

ition to the left. Recounting his thought process before the crash, Senna said: "If, at the start, because ! am in the wrong position, Prost gets the jump, and beats me off the line, at the first corner [1] go for it. And he had better not turn in, because he's not going to make it. It just happened, I guess. It was the result of a bad decision, influenced by Balestre. I contributed to it, but it was not my responsibility."

In the circumstances, perhaps, it may be the challenger who locks his eyes on to the gravel trap alongside the first corner this Sunday. Hill is not the ruthless man Senna was, but Villeneuve would do well to heed the lessons of 1990 all

RADIO CHOICE

Fiction drawn out of fact

Hulme Stories. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

The opening drama in Bill Taylor's four-part family saga ends violently and bloodily, and I can't resist telling you that part two begins tragically. It is what you can expect when a writer opts for begins tragically. It is what you can expect when a writer opts for social realism, and when what have lived in malify but in Michael Form The Harringtons may not have lived in reality, but in Michael Fox's production, they are alive all right. Part one is set in the Hulme area of Manchester. Bulldozers are destroying one way of life to make way for another that promises much but delivers little. George Uohn McCardle) defies the demolishers, ignoring the pleas of his daughter played by Jane Hazelgrove, a fine actress whose progress I will be watching keenly.

Choral Evensong. Radio 3, 4.00pm.

The producer James Whitbourne is absolutely right about choral The producer James Whitbourne is absolutely right about choral evensong being a time for great stillness when people are uplifted by its sheer beauty. But that by itself does not explain why Choral Evensong today celebrates its 70th birthday. Whitbourne is right, too, when he says the radio listener's experience is very similar to the experience of those who are actually there. Acoustics come into it, of course, but I still can't find the right words fully to account for the phenomenon. This anniversary edition of Choral Evensong comes from Westminster Abbey where the programme began life in 1926.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Wiley 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Alan Parker — Road Warnor (r) 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warran

RADIO 2

FM Stereo, 6.00em Serah Kennedy, Inci 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan, Incl 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Ame Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Alex Lester 5.05 John Durm 7.00 Jim Lloyd 9.00 Raiph McTell Across the Channel (4/4) 8.30 Young Tradition 96 9.00 South African Celebration (5/5) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 Alian Stewart 12.05am Adrian Finighan, Incl 1.30 Pause for Thought 3.00 Steve Madden, incl 3.30 Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

S.00em Morning Reports, incl 5.45
Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast
Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with
Brian Hayes, Incl 10.35 News from
Europe 12.00 Midday with Meir, Incl
12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on
Five, Incl guest of the day 3.05 Ruscoe
Returns and 81.345 Entertainment News
4.00 Nathanacha 5.45 Woold On Seve Returns and at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide 5.45 World Cup Pool ball Night. Featuring England v Poland in Group 2 at 8.00 plus news of the other fedures 10.05 News Talk. Live from the Conservative Party Conference in Bournamouth 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05 and After Hours, with Vincent Hanna 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00em Early Breaktast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Raeburn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peler Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whele 1.00mm Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Megamix 8.15 Off the Shell. Haalways Megamix 8.15 Off the Shell. Heatwave 8.30 Discovery 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Andy vershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sport 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shell 12.30pm Thirty-Minute Drama The Strange Case of Dr Jelyll and Mr Hyde 1.30 Composer of the Month 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Birtain Today 6.25 Science View 6.30 News in German 7.30 Discovery 9.01 Outlook 9.25 World Today 6.25 Science View 6.30 Multitrack 10.05 World Business 10.15 Birtain Today 10.30 Meridian 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10am Science View 12.15 Country Sylve 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From Out Own Corres-Multitrack 1,30 From Our Own Corres-pondent 1,45 Britain Today 2,30 Out-look 2,55 Words of Faith 3,30 Meridian 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Grilfiths 6.00 Milke Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susamah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concero Rubbra (Viola Concerto Op 75) 3.00 Nick Baffey 6.00 Classic Newsright 6.30 Sorala. Haydri (kayboard Sonata No 32 In G minor) 7.00 Garden Forum (f) 8.00 Evening Concer Rachmaninov (The Rock — Fantasy, Op 7); Gliere (Concerto for Coloratura Soprano, Op 82); Rachmaninov (The Bells, Op 35); Gliere (Symphony No 1 in E flat, Op 8) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper 4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Jone 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark

RADIO 3

6.00em On Air, includes
Beethoven (String Quintet in
Co, Op 29): Holst (The
Golden Goose, Op 45 No 1);
Bruch (Swedish Dances, Op
63, Set 2), Brahms (Liebeslieder-Walzer, Op 65
Nos 13-15); Verdi (Overture:
The Sicilian Vespers)
9.00 Norming Collection, Bach
(Oboe d'Amore Concerto in
A, BWY1055); Mozart (Piano
Trio in C, K548); Walton
(Variations on a Theme of

(Variations on a Theme of Hindemith)

10.00 Musical Encounters.
Includes Adrian Le Roy (Mes Paz Sernez); Sousa (The Gliding Girl); Arnold (Oboe Concerto); Beethoven (Fur Elise); Artist of the Week: Moura Lympany, piano.
Puccini (Turandot, Act 1, finale); Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor); Poutenc (Pastourete)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Smetana. String Quarter No 1 in E minor (From My Life, 3rd myt); Piano Trio in G minor, Op 15

1.00pm News; Concert Hall, Live from the Wigmore Hall, Live from the Wigmore Hall, London, Leslie Newman, flute, John Lenehan, piano. Widor (Sulte, Op 34); Duffileux (Sonatina); Schubert (Varlations in E minor on Trockne Blumen, DB02)

2.00 Mildweek Choice: 0171-765
4308. Ring in with your request by funchtime for a chance to hear it today, includes C.P.E. Bach (Sonata in B minor, Wg 55); Raff (Shing Octet in C. Op 175) Includes Adrian Le Roy (Mes

in B minor, Wq 55); Ra (String Octet in C, Op 175) 4.00 Choral Evensong. See

Choice 5.00 The Music Machine: Violins

5.15 in Tune. Includes Nicolai (The Marry Wives of Windsor): Bach (Prelude and Fugue in F sharp minor); a selection of Paganini's violin caprices, Op 1; Schumann, Liszt, Kreisler, Auer, Enescu and Szymanowski 7.30 A Grand, Mysterious Harmony, Stephen Johnson

expores the symphonic legacy of Anton Bruckner with performances by BBC Orchestras, The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Osmo Vanska. Bruckner (Adaglo in A flat; Scherzo in G minor): Ulster Orchestra, under Sachio Fujioka. Bruckner (Symphony No 1 in C minor)

C minor)
9.00 Third Words. Malcolm Bradbury finds out how the Third Programme dealt with classic fiction as well as more experimental forms of writing and introduces some early adaptations of novels

10.00 Volces: Boje Skovhus. The young Danish baritone sings settings of texts by Heinrich

Heine

10.45 Night Waves: In Search of Asylum. Patrick Wright explores the changing pace and concept of the asylum in British culture and asks why the Victorian institutions grap the imagination of writers and the imagination of writers and

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11.30 Composer of the Weetc
Steve Reich at 60 (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, Lato Schiffin
started out with Dizzy
Gälespie and now combines the symphony orchestra with 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl 7.25, 8.25
Sport 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.40 Changing Trains.
Steven Norris, MP, reads his
memoirs (3/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Mildweek, with
Times columnist Libby Purves
10.00 News; Return to Sender.
(5/6)

(5/6) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time.

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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Masala FM. The first
wedding resulting from
Khalid's phone-in draws near
(6/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
Forecast

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Choice
2.45 The New Recruit
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urban tale, a prowler watches and waits ... Will his chosen tamily ever understand him? Read by Michael Begley 5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe at the Conservative Party
Conference in Bournemouth
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55

Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 The Labour Exchange, with Rory McGrath (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints, from individual allegations of injustice to wider issues affecting the lives of ordinary people.

7.45 Tehlft in a Cold Climate: The Story of St Kilda. The dramatic fall in the fortunes of the inhabitants of this remote. the inhabitants of this remote archipelago 50 miles west of the Cuter Hebrides (r) 8.30 The Location Hunters. Quentin Cooper discovers what makes the ideal film

7.20 Face the Facts, John Waite

what makes the ideal num
setting (1)
9.00 Bodies of Evidence, with
Tony Robinson (2/3)
9.30 Kateldoscope 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime. I'm Here I
Think, Where Are You?
Actor Timothy West reads
letters written to his wife
Prunella Scales while he was
on tour (3/5) (r)

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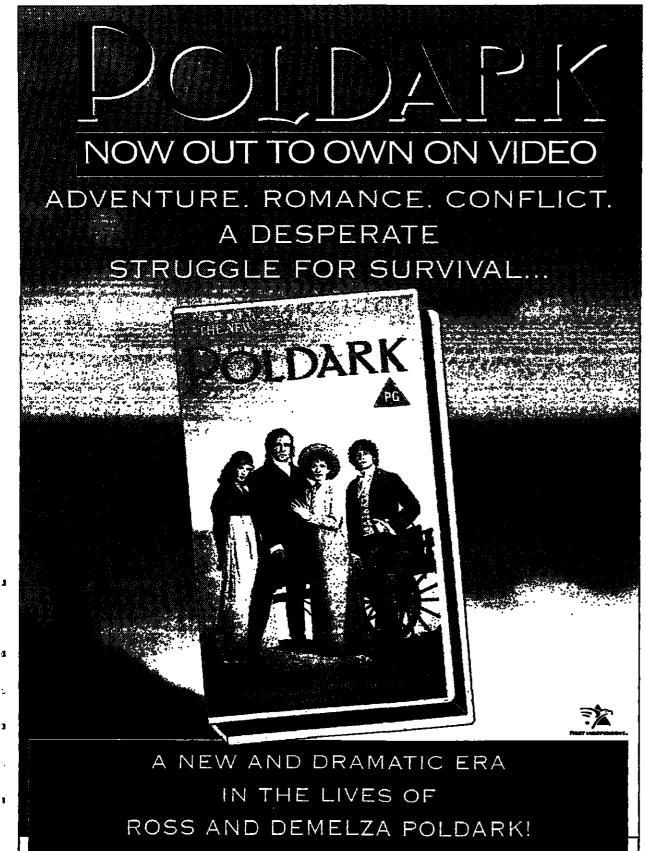
11.00 My Booze Hell, by Little
Johnny Cartilage. The notvery-true autobiography of
1970s dol Little Johnny
Cartilage. Cartilage, written by and starring Johnny Meres With Melvyn Bragg, Ben Miller and Peter Seratinowicz

11.15 1690 and All That What is the Irish question? (1/3)
11.30 Control Group Six. A sketch show-cun-psychological thriller. Written and performed by Richard Bean, Andrew

Clifford and Clive Coleman 12.00 News, incl 12.27am approx Weather 12.30 The Late Book, Nice —

Songs They Never Play on the Radio (8/8) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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SQUASH

Horner's rapid victory leads British advance

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN PETALING JAYA, MALAYSIA

SUZANNE HORNER, the British champion, enjoyed a trouble-free passage into the second round of the women's world championship here yesterday when she defeated Jehangir Grewal, the India

No l, in straight games. Horner, 33, from Wake-field, described her 9-5, 9-3, 9-3 victory, completed in 23 minutes, as "scrappy", but said:
"A win is a win." Today she meets Rachael Grinham, the tough former world junior champion from Toowoomba, Australia, who has matured noticeably this year.

Former world junior champions are thick on the ground here. The 1991 version, Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, had a straightforward 9-3, 9-2, 9-5 win over Janine Hickey, of Australia, and will face Toni Weeks, another Australian, today, while Sue Wright, of Kent, will come up

present world junior champion

Other Britons to make progress yesterday were Tracey Shenton, of Staffordshire, the national junior champion, Rebecca Macree, of Essex, Fiona Geaves, of Gloucester, and Linda Charman, of Sussex.

All their efforts might be frustrated, however, by yet another former world junior title-holder, Sarah FitzGerald, of Australia. The 1987 agegroup champion was in devastating form yesterday, defeating Chooi Yeen Chow, of Malaysia, for the loss of

just two points.

☐ Peter Marshall, of Nottingham, the double-handed play-er who was ranked No 2 in the world before suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, is to return to SRA National League competition in the autumn with Broxagainst Jade Wilson, the bourne, the Hertforshire club.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

(c) An inhabitant of La Vendèe, especially one who took part in the insurrection of 1793 against the Republic. A toponym from La Vendée, the name of a maritime department in western France. The unhappy Vendeans were defeated with fearful

WORRICOW

(b) A scarecrow or hobgoblin. Also, transferred. a person of frightful or unprepossessing appearance. From worry + cow as if "a goblin apt to worry". Scott: "They do say there's a sort o' worricows and lang-nebbit things about the land."

(b) Voracious, ravenous, the Latin vorax devouring. Stewart, Chronicles of Scotland, 1535: "This Alexander! Of Badzenoch was callit all his dais! The vorax wolf." ZAMZUMMIM

(b) From Deuteronomy, the name of "a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims". "Such numbers of arm'd enemies, so many Nimrods, Zamzummims, adversaries to our opinions." SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Rxd2! Rxe5 (there is nothing better) 2 Rxd8+ and mate follows.

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How to make a conspiracy out of a mystery

hat do a missing British trawler, a secretive sect of mystical Christians and a U2 spy-plane have in common? Blowed if I know either. I'm afruid. But I am fully confident of one thing. Somewhere, a tele-vision researcher is working on it. What a night it was for conspiracies. Three subjects, three pro-grammes, three mysteries - but all derived from the first rule of

ways more complicated than they seem. Ask Fox Mulder if you don't believe me. But goodness, keeping up with them all can be exhausting. They always start so intriguingly, so heguilingly ... as indeed Network First: The Riddle of the Gaul (ITV) did last night. In February 1974, at the height of an Arctic gale, a British trawler called the Gaul disappeared ... " Oh yes, you

think. I remember that - awful

business. You move a little closer.

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conspiracy theory; things are al-

That's when they hit you with the twist. Apparently, the Goul was a modern and well-designed trawler, purpose-built to survive the worst the Barents Sea could throw at it - it couldn't possibly have sunk. At that point, an image of the Titanic passed before me, an unfortunate lateral leap as it brought me - and no doubt others - perilously close to the conclu-sion that the producers arrived at much later. If not icebergs, what other large, solid objects do we know that lurk beneath the ocean? One hour and an awful lot of

snow and submarines later, I emerged, my head reeling from the theories, counter-theories and counter-counter-theories that Norman Fenton, a veteran when it comes to Gaul conspiracies, and his co-producer Diarmuid Jeffreys had so persuasively laid before us. At times, it seemed a miracle that any cod ever got back to Huli at all, given the lack of real fishing going on off the north coast of Norway. British trawlers apparently spent much of their time spying on the Soviet Northern Fleet. The Norwegian fisherman who found the only bit of wreckage from the Gaul — a suspiciously clean lifebelt — admitted that he worked for Norwegian intelligence. And when we finally met the former head of Russian naval intelligence, he nodded, tapped his nose and admitted that they, too, had their "fishing boats".

t was actually not important whether or not the Gaul was spying or simply fishing where she shouldn't, if you accepted the producers' version of what happened next. The trawler posi-tioned herself due north of Murmansk, which in submarine terms is pretty much the equivalent of parking in the fast lane of the Mô, with Soviet subs stealing out of home waters and British and REVIEW



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American substattempting to keep tabs on them. The theory was that couldn't have been one of ours) surfaced violently and accidentally during the storm, sending the Gaul and her 36 crew members to

Twenty years ago, the Soviet Union was something of a gift to television conspiracists, a huge black hole into which conjecture

to be refuted. Twenty years on it is a gift again, but this time for a different reason. You can't keep them off the television. Network First had access right up to the former head of intelligence of the Soviet Northern Fleet, but Timewatch: Baiting the Bear (BBC2) went better still.

Not only did it have the former head of Soviet air intelligence on hand to describe the day world war three almost broke out, it had Nikita Khrushchev's son to explain that his father was a much misunderstood man, who spent half his career as Soviet leader pretending that the Kremlin had far more military resources than it actually had and the other half actually having them. But I may have got my bomber gaps and missile gaps mixed up, so please don't take my word for it.

This was the story of General Curtis E. LeMay, whose career of

astonishing aggression began with the fire-bombing of Tokyo and ended shortly after what was for him a very disappointing Cuban missile crisis. His mission state-ment: My job is to kill the enemy them, they'll stop fighting."

Rogether with his side-kick and eventual successor at Strategic Air Command. General Thomas Power, LeMay was a man who thought that nuclear war was so winnable he set out to start one. Quietly, without telling President Eisenhower, he started sending U2 spyplanes over the Soviet Union in the hope of provoking a response. Project Control it was called, but Project Out of Control might have been more accurate.

Paul Lashmar's film contained an impressive amount of firsthand testimony but took too long to get to the extraordinary goings-

by which time it was difficult to tell Power. Thank goodness, somebody invented rock and roll to take our minds off it all.

But what of secretive mystic Christians, you ask? Well despite sitting through Witness: Death of the Solar Temple (Channel 4) I am not sure I know. David Cohen and David Carr-Jones did a good job of casting doubt on the conventional view that the deaths of 65 sect members in four separate incidents was mass suicide, but a poor job of coming up with a good reason why anybody might want to murder them instead. They conceded defeat in traditional con-spiracy style: "What really hap-pened to the Solar Temple may always remain a mystery." So much for the truth being out there.

■ Lynne Truss appears tomorrow

6.00am Business Breakfast (48644) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetar) (79915) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceetax)

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (2577847) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (2307828) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (48460)

11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (6981847) 11.05 Conference Live. Live coverage of the Conservative Party Conference Includes debates on trade and industry and toreign atfairs includes news at 12.00

1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (72002) 1.30 Regional News (57426151)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (44483373) 2.00 A Week in the Country (s) (74187996) 2.15 Dumblane: the Community Remem-

bers (9971151) 3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (8809227) 3.50 ChuckieVision (r) (s) (4905903) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (Ceelax) (s) (6197151) 4.35 The Demon Head-master (Ceefax) (s) (9381624) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (2477847) 5.10

Blue Peter (Ceetax) (s) (6566151) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (492170) 6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (354) 6.30 Regional news magazines (633151) 6.55 The Nation's Favourite Poems (241354)

7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett hosts the show in which grown-ups try to unravel the minds of nine children and discover who knows best (Ceefax) (s) (7793) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a preview

of the car of the future, due to be officially unveiled at the Motor Show (118) 8.00 Big Cat Diary. Smon King and Jonathan Scott present their fifth report from Kenya's Masai Mara (Ceefax) (6441) 8.30 Next of Kin. Cornedy with Penelope

Keith and William Gaunt as grandparents reluctantly looking after their orphaned grandchildren (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2248) (8915)

9.30 Beck. Drama series about a woman who runs a missing persons agency based in King's Cross, London (Ceefax) (s) (995977)

10.20 Sportsnight, with Desmond Lynam, Jimmy Hill and Alan Hansen. Highlights of the World Cup group two qualifier between England and Poland at Wembley. There is also action from from the Republic of Ireland's group eight game against Macedonia (s) (951199) 12.05 FILM: Cahill, United States Marshal

(1973). John Wayne stars as the marshal who finds out that his two sons, in an act of rebellion against his neglect, have helped in a bank robbery. With George kennedy, Gary Grimes, Clay O'Brien, Brand and Mane Windsor. Directed by Andrew V. McLagen

m-3.40 The Road to the White House 1996: the Presidential Debates. Live coverage of the US vice-presidential debate in which Al Gore goes head-to-head with Jack Kemp (s) (875565)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6348996) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (4715977) 7.55 Growing Up Wild (8874354)

8.20 Christopher Crocodile (7707422) 8.25 Monty (2445422) 8.35 Lessie (8231828) 9.00 Ici Peris (2555625) 9.25 See You, See Me (5692489) 9.45 Words and Pictures (1919441) 10.00 Playdays (30538) 10.30 Numbertime (1057712) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (1052267) 11.00 Around Scotland (9723460) 11.20 Music Meteors (0592780)

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age of the speech by Secretary of State for Social Security, Peter Lilley and a debate on the environment (431373) 3.55 News (8417170) 4.00 Today's the Day (847) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (731) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

(9333996) 5.40 The Flying Vet (921267) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (Ceefax) (s) (867847) 6.45 Conference Talk (s) (972538)

7.30 Scene: Alison. Light-hearted drama in which Terry arrives back in his home town after ten years away and meets up with Alison, his first girffriend (r) (Ceefax) (s)



Redoubtable cooking duo (8.30pm)

8.30 Two Fat Ladles: Fish and Shellfish (Ceeiax) (s) (3118) 9.00 Changing Rooms. With two days and a budget of £500, designers Laurence Liewelyn-Bowen and Graham Wynne house and a living room (Ceefax) (s)

9.30 Great Railway Journeys: London to Arcadia (Ceelax) (s) (96825)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (573199) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceetax) (s) (411460)

11.40 Seinfeld: The Puffy Shirt. Jerry finds himself in an awkward situation when he promises to wear a tashion designer's latest creation on the Today Show (Ceetax) (s) (336915)

CHOICE

Decisive Weapons: The Bayonet BBC2, 8.00nm

The bayonet is not so much a decisive weapon (even its contribution to the Royalist victory at Culloden is disputed) as an enduring one. Supposedly invented in the 1640s, and named after the town of Bayonne in France, it was still being used in the Falklands War. And it remains a central part raiklands war. And it remains a central part of army training, just the thing to inspire soldiers to become aggressive and hate the enemy. The film suggests that the mere threat of having cold steel plunged into them was enough to send rival armies into retreat, and the careful verdict of experts is that the bayoner's fame rests more on promise than bayoner's fame rests more on promise than achievement. One of the contributors, discussing the bayonet's role in the Peninsular War, is Bernard Comwell. He is author of the Sharpe novels. On television Sharpe is played by Sean Bean. And who is narrating this series? Why, Sean Bean.

Two Fat Ladies BBC2, 8.30pm

In Mevagissey harbour in Cornwall, two large women are putting on lifejackets before venturing out to sea in search of crabs and lobsters. "I feel like a Dalek", says one. "I hate to tell you, dear," comes the retort, "but you look like one." The Dalek is Jennifer Paterson, loud, excitable and with a voice like Pears Meurical Line Pears of the Paterson of the Pate like Peggy Mount's. Her companion is the no less shrinking Clarissa Dickson Wright. They are television's new cookery double act. touring the land in motorcycle and sidecar in search of local dishes. As the title of the series suggests, neither is much interested in slimming. "None of this nonsense about yoghurt instead of cream," booms Jennifer, as she puts the finishing touch to a dish o scallops and leeks. The plumpies are such a good turn that you can easily forget what they are cooking. Fear not, it is all on Ceefax.

BBC1, 9.30pm

The missing persons drama continues to take place in ill-lit gloom and we get no nearer to discovering the eponymous heroine's first name. If the series takes off perhaps its creator will treat us to a cryptic Morse-style revelation. Meanwhile, Amanda Redman's Beck is just Beck, even in moments of intimacy. Clumstly juggling the affections of two men, and stuffing herself with junk food, she is what psychologists might call a bit of a sad case. But she is good wonder she can see as far as the telephone. Tonight Beck's main client is an elderly woman (Freda Dowie). Newly freed from the tyranny of a brutal husband, she wants to find that nice Italian prisoner of war she fell in love with. If the solution falls too easily into Beck's lap, there is a twist at the end.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9.30pm

Boarding the Eurostar to Paris, the poet and novelist Ben Okri sets out on the first leg of ambiguity at the heart of the film is that Arcadia is both a real place, in Greece, and a symbolic one, a lost paradise of rural tranquillity. The double meaning enables Okri to blend the actual journey with the spiritual one. He can enjoy Paris, Venice and Brindisi while musing on such questions as whether travel is an escape or a quest and more broadly, whether we human be have lost our way and are trying to find it. By no means all the people Okri meets en route have such lofty thoughts. Some, such as a bunch of middle-aged Americans, are just tourists enjoying themselves. But Okri is determined to find his Arcadias and he does so in unlikely guises.

6.00am GMTV (7674373)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (s) (6332422) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (S) (27064) 10.30 This Morning (27659286)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7519422) 12.30 News (Teletaxt) and weather (3251064) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3269083) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (6204460) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (27860441) 2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (s) (27856248) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (9965712)

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3.30 Tots TV Classics (s) (9715170) 3.40 The Parkies (6142199) (r) (Teletext) (s) 3.50 Astro Farm (r) (Teletext) (s) (9726286) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s) (4787248) 4.15 Animaniacs (Teletext) (s) (6121118) 4.40 Retrace (Teletext) (8346606)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (8377828) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (918793) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (498915) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (656828) 7.00 Sportsweek (2489)



Dilemma for Andy and Anne (7.30pm)

between Liz and Jim when he and Anne hold a dinner party (Teletext) (286) 8.00 The National Television Awards

hosted by Trevor McDonald from the Albert Hall in London. Celebritles and fans congregate as the awards are presented in 14 categories, including favourite television personality and most popular soap (7267)

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (32809) 10.30 Regional News (774441)

10.40 FILM: Navy Seals (1990) stamng Michael Biehn, Charlie Sheen and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer. An action adventure about an elite US Navy unit which is sent to rescue hostages from a ship in the Middle East. A plot is then uncovered to sell stolen Stinger missiles to terrorists but when the unit launches a surprise attack in Syria to retrieve the weapons the terrorists become more aggressive and the mission more dangerous, culminating in an invasion of a besieged Beirut. Directed by Lewis Teague (39991828)

12.45am Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (54774) 1.15 God's Gift (960039) 2.15 cyber.cafe (79039) 2.45 Dear Nick (654190) 3.45 Nationwide Football League Extra (r) (2955768)

4.25 Sound Bites (92054316) 4.35 The Time...the Place (r) (51878233)

5.00 Three's a Crowd (r) (s) (33774)

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm Wales Tonight (656825) 7.00-7.30 The Really Helpful Programme

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (3269093) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (28415703) 1.55 Home and Away (14819335) 2.25 Vanessa (27870828)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6377606) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8377828) 6.00 Westcountry Live (60170) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (2489)

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2.50-3.20 Our House (9965712) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8377828) 6.25 Central News and Weather (656828) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (2489)

12.45am Bushell on the Box (54774) 2.15 Dear Nick (186949) 3.15 in Focus (3891671) 4.00 Sound Bites (44290584) 4.05 Late & Loud (4645836) 5.00 Jobfinder (8881403)

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4.00 Fifteen to One (915) 4.30 Countdown (199) 5.00 Ricki Lake (2862731) 5.45 Fravelog Treks (282880)

6.00 Party of Five (Teletext) (s) (843267) 6.50 Fresh Pop (960977) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (8373)



8.00 Brookside. Nat is desperate to find a way out for him and Georgia (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Moving People, Kerth and Gary, a or couple, are moving from their Deptford tower block to a semi in Northampton. Tony Markham, aged 21, is coming to the end of a 13-month prison sentence. While in prison his girlfriend left him, he lost his flat and his younger brother has disappeared. Chris Crabbie, the new British Ambassador to Romania, and his wife have to move house by road across.

9.00 Ellen: Horshack's Law (1625) 9.30 The Lovers. Beryl and Geoffrey have patched things up after last week's tiff but are still unsure if they are meant for each

other (Teletext) (70557) 10.00 American Gothic (Teletext) (7644)

11.00 Rory Bremner... Who Else? (r) (Teletext) (s) (437083) 11.40 Fascism: Purity. Jovan Dukovic is the crime reporter on the Serbian paper

Vremie. He asks how it is possible that Fascist genocide has returned to haunt europe again (3/3) (514606) 12.40 FILM: Kid Blue (1973) with Dennis Hopper and Warren Oates. Western with Hopper as a small-time desperado trying

to settle down and lead an honest life, with little success. Directed by James 2.30 FILM: Dawn Rider (b/w, 1935) John

Wayne is a cowboy out to average his father's murder Directed by R. N. Bradbury (5071942) Ends at 2.30am 4.00 Schools: Ready, Set, Go 4.15 Stage One — Ourselves 4.30 Schools at Work 4.35 How We Used to Live -From Iron Ways (4644107)

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cludes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith and Keith Floyd



Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle (The Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

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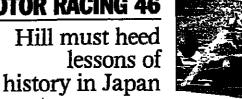
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History and form favour Hoddle in his first Wembley international as coach

England hold all the aces

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THERE seems no reason. other than complacency, why England should not build on their summer of Wembley euphoria by beating Poland at the old stadium in a World Cup qualifying match tonight. All of the advantages are

Glenn Hoddle will lead out his side for the first time beneath the twin towers after seven days of uninterrupted rehearsal; by comparison. Poland have had to call in their players from nine European countries, some of them arriving after playing in weekend club fixtures in Germany and

England have undoubted harmony of purpose, com-pared with Poland, whose

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principal goalscorer, Andrzej Juskowiak, refuses the call to play for his country on grounds that his German club. Borussia Mönchengladbach, are not happy to release foreign players when their place is not

guaranteed.

Third, and in Polish eyes, paramount, the 76,000 self-out Wembley crowd is considered to be the equivalent of "a 12th Englishman. Moreover, Poland have never won in England, have beaten England once (in 1973) in il attempts, and have beaten nobody in their last 11 fixtures

covering 15 months. But beware. For all the newcomer's pride shown by Hoddle, and more of it inside

Alan Shearer, who captains England for the first time at Wembley, they should be that Antoni aware Piechniczek, the Poland coach, is an old fox who has seen more glory days than the pair of them — he led his country to third place in the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

retired Piechniczek had from football, but has been persuaded back because of the dire state of his nation's sport. And he carries off to a tee that central and Eastern European trait of professional pessimism. Visiting Europeans from those parts have been polishing their techniques and pretending that they were afraid since the Hungarians baliled England to destruction

in 1953. They will tell you they are here only to shadow box, but get behind the coach, speak to an unaware player or two, and you find slightly more ambition than that.

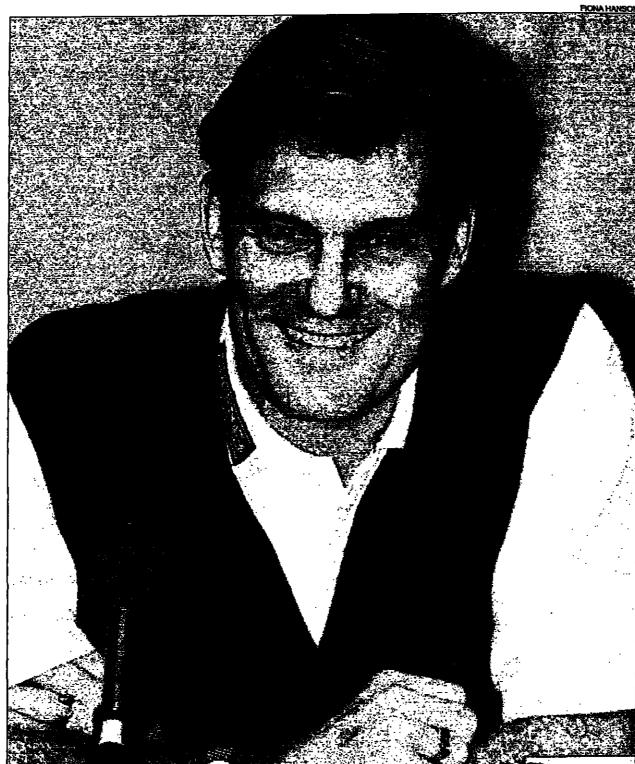
We do not know the Poland line-up. Indeed, while Hoddle keeps his attacking options so very close to his chest, you must disregard as sheer speculation any line-ups on either side you have heard for

tonight.
The game is deception. managers as new as Hoddle or as old as Piechniczek play their hands so close that not even their pivotal players are sure of the style and the

Piechniczek, for example, spoke at a St Albans hotel yesterday, of trying to build a new Poland without the qualities of players such as Zbigniew Boniek or the late. lamented Kaziu Deyna. "Georgia [also in this group] and Poland," he said, "are like boxers defending ourselves with two hands, and we would like to hit on the counter.

"Italy and England are the teams who should qualify, but always there is a surprise, and may be from our stance we can provide it."

He says, uncompromising Juskowiak because "the player is in conflict with the Polish federation. If he could score ten goals in one match, I could not guarantee him a shirt for



these moods, no one is guaranteed his place".

So in a side in which the coach promises to unveil stars we have not yet seen, in a formation likely to figure a solitary frontrunner, the onus is on Krzystof Warzycha.

He has made his fortune away from the Silesian coal-fields of his fathers playing these past five years for Panathinaikos. Now 31, he has scored more than 100 goals for the Greeks, but only seven times in 44 internationals. although Piechniczek said: "Warzycha has great intuition, good technique, and plenty of

From the caution of the

coach to the ambition of a player. Piotr Nowak, just arrived from his club Munich 1860, maybe hasn't heard the shadow boxing. "We must play our football," he said. My role is to be playmaker. I'm older — not so old [32], so I

must keep the young players

This atmosphere in Wernbley is very nice, but I tell the younger ones not to be afraid. The English are really normal, it's only football, we should play as we do for our clubs. We are all nervous, but every player has the dream to play at Wembley, and England are strong in offence. therefore we must some of the time test their defence."

The Englishman they all talk about is, inevitably. Shearer. One hopes, still, that Hoddle will give in to temptation and give Shearer a full partner, the potent and inform Les Ferdinand, his Newcastle United team-mate.

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Shearer, playing his coach's tune, sings the praises also of Nicky Barmby, throws in the trust he has enjoyed of the unselfish Teddy Sheringham. and even speaks of Paul Merson and Matt Le Tissier

as partners he relishes playing alongside.

There is a danger of delusion. Hoddle, possibly out of genuine admiration, possibly playing the game of injecting confidence into his squad, has spent the past month utilising the "tremendous array of tal-

ent in our country".

If that is true, if Poland's talent spring is dry and England's is a torrent, then Hoddle has only to get his selection right, to organise it, to win tonight with some comfort. Otherwise, if the talent is so strong, who should we blame in the event of anticlimax? It is, as the small, compact Nowak said "only

Scotland may protest over poor lighting

FROM KEVIN McCarra in Tallinn

SCOTLAND fear that a literal shadow will fall over their hopes when they meet Estonia in a World Cup qualifying group four match here this evening. Additional floodlighting has been placed at the side of the pitch for a game that is to be broadcast live with a local kick-off time of 6.45pm, but the fact that those extra bulbs are not elevated above the field has produced unsatisfactory conditions.

At training last night, the Scotland players found the ball dropping out of shadows and goalkeeping could prove hazardous. The illumination itself, howewer, meets the required standard of intensity and the Fifa observer, Jean-Marie Gantenbein, of Luxembourg, has decided that the official start need not be brought forward.

For their part, Scotland will play under protest and a letter of complaint is likely to be sent to Fifa, the world governing body, by the Scottish Football Association. Craig Brown, the national team manager, is attempting to have a lighter set of strips laundered so that players will be able to discern one another. Scotland had originally plannned to wear their traditional dark blue.

No matter the colour of the iersey, one man will simply be relieved to be wearing it. Scotland took John McGinlay to Euro 96, but only by dishing out free tickets that provided him with a seat in the crowd at his country's matches.

Today, against all expecta tion, however, the Bolton Wanderers forward will once more be viewing the action in close-up and will make his first international appearance since October 1995.

He has re-emerged because the crowd of other candidates that obscured him from view has been almost entirely thinned away. John Spencer, of Chelsea, having flown home for treatment on a hamstring injury, is the eighth player to drop out of the 24-man squad named for the ties with Latvia and Estonia.

Availability is not McGinlay's only merit. Always eager if selected, he typifies the yeoman virtues

an era lacking more flamboyant talents. McGinlay, 32, has soon

three times in nine interna-

tionals and can expect to add

another against Estonia, a team of cussedly defensive

tendencies. He is not indulg-

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ing in cant when he says that selection is the greatest honour he can imagine. In games such as today's McGinlay is a significant presence as well as a passionate one. There are no signs that his hunger is diminishing with age and, when confirming that he has scored five times this season. McGinlay

'not enough" The forward's appetite will be important as Scotland seek

immediately added the words

to establish swift control of the game, against a country who won a match for the first time on Saturday. The 1-0 victory against Belarus justifies the decision to employ a foreign coach, Teitur Thordarsson, of Iceland, but sadly, if sensibly. he has decided that the black arts of defensive strategy are required in the quest tolerable results.

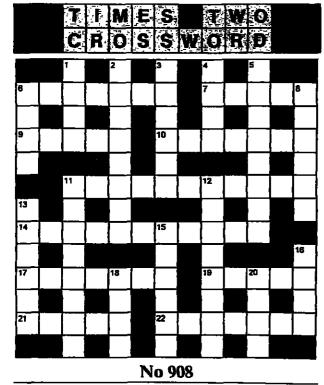
Even at home, Estonia will field only a single forward and it was symptomatic that the goal against Belarus she come from a corner.

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Funding threatens Yorkshire move needs to be quantifiable sport-ing gain that results in a direct sible for the distribution of

By JOHN GOODBODY

YORKSHIRE County Cricket Club's proposed move from Headingley to Wakefield may founder because of a failure to attract the money needed to build the planned 25,000-seat stadium. The Lottery Sports Fund seems likely to turn down any bid for £28 million for financial support towards a stadium, which is primarily to be used as a facility for A Sports Council spokes-

woman said yesterday: "The

spectator element is not a high

priority as far as lottery fund-

ing is concerned. What is

important is the extent of the

community's active use. There

increase in participation in sport, especially by sections of the community who do not have the necessary facilities."

Although there is some community provision in the plans for the 240-acre site, which will also house a cricket academy and museum, five practice pitches, plus a hotel, marina. railway station and parking for 1,400 cars, the emphasis is on the building of the new White Rose Stadium. The whole scheme will cost about £50 million and Yorkshire is confident it will receive £7 million of European grant aid and EI5 million of public and private sector funding.

The local council will give planning permission. Colin Croxall, the Wakefield Metropolitan Council leader, said: "This has to be the deal of the century, a prime greenfield site with unrivalled road and rail access and the opportunity to have world-beating facilities for nil outlay. I am thrilled by the bold decision and proud that Wakefield will be the new home of Yorkshire cricket."

He accepted that the lottery bid was "admittedly large", but believed that "such a highprofile development is some-thing with which the National Lottery will be keen to be associated". However, the Sports Coun-

cil, which ultimately is respon-

lottery funds, believes there may be better ways to increase community participation than by giving E28 million towards the spectating facilities of a county cricket club and where a maximum of one Test Match a year is likely to be staged. In July, the National Lottery

fund turned down applications from Lord's and the Oval in their bids to redevelop their grounds for the 1999 World Cup. MCC asked for only £4,9 million towards a total cost of E12.9 million, while Surrey asked for £13.75 million towards a £29.5 million project at the Oval. Work is now going on to resubmit the bids.



Britain two steps from elite group

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREAT Britain were given an outstanding chance of gaining promotion to the world group of the Davis Cup when the draw for next year's competition was made in London yesterday. Britain need to win only two ties to rejoin the elite 16 nations in 1998.

Britain received a bye in the first round of Euro-African zone group one and must beat either Zimbabwe or Ukraine at home in the second round in April to book a world group qualifying match in September. Last month, Britain won promotion from Euro-African zone group two by beating Egypt 5-0 in the last match staged on No I Court at

Britain have never played Zimbabwe

or Ukraine, but, with choice of surface, they would be strong favourites to beat either. Ian Peacock, the Lawn Tennis Association executive director, said: "I think it is a very good draw for as. April is too early to play on grass, so it will almost certainly be indoors and we have six months to prepare.

We must consider what sort of crowd we will attract. When we played Egypt,

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were special reasons for that. We are more likely to plump for a venue that will hold 4.000-5.000 - somewhere like Telford, Brighton or Nottingham."

there were 7,000 at Wimbledon, but there

Zimbabwe would be likely to be represented by the Black brothers, By-ron, the world No 49, and Wayne, ranked 248. With home advantage, they will be fancied to beat Ukraine. Ukraine have the highest-ranked play-

er of the two squads in Andrei Medvedev, the world No 31 and once ranked No 4. However, their second singles player would probably be Andrei Rybalko, the world No 333. If Britain win their second-round tie.

they will not know their opponents in the world group qualifying competition until the draw is made, probably in July.